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Leaks fuel benefit fears

Budget will cut away at welfare state

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

■ *Ministers believe the political will may now exist to dismantle parts of the welfare state, despite the possibility of a Tory backbench rebellion*

A POLITICAL storm erupted last night as it emerged that the Chancellor intends to use the Budget next week to mount the first stage of a government attack on the welfare state.

As further details were leaked of proposals for dismantling parts of the welfare state, the Opposition accused the government of planning "wholesale fraud, assault and robbery" on social security benefits.

The Budget, which combines tax and spending proposals for the first time, is widely expected to contain stringent cuts in benefits for the long-term sick and unemployed. Curbs are also likely on housing benefit and sick pay.

These will be followed by longer-term changes in the structure of the benefit system, such as measures encouraging people to opt out of the state pension system and take out insurance against unemployment. The new framework is expected to be outlined by Peter Lilley, the social security secretary, the day after the Budget. Ministerial sources confirmed last night that there have been detailed discussions about halving to six months the time the jobless can claim unemployment benefit. After that, claimants would have to move to the means-tested income support, and would lose all their entitlement if they had savings of £8,000.

Although the Treasury have raised this issue in previous spending rounds, some ministers believe that there is enough political will to curb social security spending to get the measure — which would save up to £500 million a year — through the Commons this time. Many backbenchers are, however, concerned about the impact of plans to curb sickness benefit and a further attack on the less well-off may spark a Tory rebellion.

A social security department document leaked to Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, makes clear that Michael Portillo's long-term review of social security has already prompted policy changes.

An interim report from the review, which is to be completed by February, will take account of "recent decisions made in the context of the reviews of Invalidity benefit and of benefits for the unemployed", the document says. Civil servants are drawing up proposals for seven main areas, including universal benefits such as child benefit, opting out of state pensions, and private provision for sickness and unemployment. Options include abolishing the statutory sick pay reimbursement rate and means-testing universal benefits.

Mr Brown claimed yesterday that the benefit cuts combined with the new social security review would go to the heart of the welfare state. "With these revelations, back to basics is now exposed for what it really is: scapegoating the unemployed and sick and targeting Budget cuts on the most needy."

Mr Brown, who is expected to use the Queen's Speech debate on Thursday to launch a comprehensive attack on the government's welfare plans, pledged that Labour would reverse the unemployment benefit cuts. Donald Dewar, shadow social security secretary claimed that the threat to unemployment benefit would be " the fiscal equivalent of assault and robbery."

However William Waldegrave and Virginia Bottomley defended the government's scrutiny. Mr Waldegrave fiercely denied that the government was in the business of abolishing the welfare state. "The underpinning of the welfare state is vital to our national life and must be continued," he told BBC Radio 4. "But any responsible government must look at the balance between spending and taxation and, in the longer term, we have got to get right the balance between a diminishing earning working popuation and an increasing number of dependent people."

Mr Bottomley said: "The government has a duty to examine the way we spend money, but we also have a very firm duty to protect the welfare state to provide for the weakest and frailest and to make sure the people in need get the help they need."

Meanwhile Mr Clarke was given plenty of advice. The former chancellor Lord Lawson claimed that modest tax increases might be needed but these should be through indirect taxes or allowances. However, he described the recovery as "very soundly based" and said Mr Clarke should contemplate further interest rate cuts only after the City had reacted to the Budget. John Biffen, former Leader of the Commons, urged Mr Clarke to increase income tax rates and extend VAT to water bills and other zero-rated items.

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Tribute of flowers at crash site

THE families of the victims of the M40 school minibus tragedy yesterday left flowers on a bridge overlooking the spot where their children died three days ago in a horrific inferno.

With them were social workers, trauma councillors and nurses, some of whom were also in tears. Paul Hill, headmaster of the Hagley Roman Catholic school in Hereford and Worcester, appeared distraught.

Some wept, others stood and stared silently at the patch of scorched tarmac on the hard shoulder of the motorway near Warwick where the school minibus crashed into the back of a stationary maintenance lorry.

Twelve children and their teacher Eleanor Fry, 40, who was driving the minibus, died and two other children are recovering in hospital.

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SIMON WALKER

Family fun at Parliament Hill in Hampstead, northwest London, yesterday

Earliest southern snow for 20 years

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

MORE snow is on the way, forecasters warned last night, as winter made its earliest strike on parts of Britain for more than 20 years. Some roads were closed but British Rail was optimistic that it would operate an almost normal service today.

Still smarting from jokes about the "wrong kind of snow", BR staff were redeployed to sweep track clean with thousands of long-handed brooms.

"The lads were out since before dawn and will be out all night," the manager of BR's main incident unit at Euston said yesterday. De-icing trains were then run over affected routes which should keep the points clear for at least 12 hours.

The cold snap was blamed on a combination of cold air driven over a warm sea by an easterly wind and a low pressure area moving north from the Continent. Forecasters predict that the east will have more snow, while the western half of the country could have freezing fog.

The AA predicted that drivers would find conditions worse than yesterday when up to five inches of snow fell on parts of Essex, Kent, Humberside and Yorkshire.

The Met Office issued a warning that conditions in some parts could be a nightmare. Does the early slump in temperature pressage a bad winter? "It depends on which myth you believe," the Met Office said. "Some think it means we will get a very cold winter and others are convinced we will 'get the worst over early'."

Bookmakers William Hill were taking no chances. They reduced odds against a white Christmas from 8-1 to 7-1.

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Anger in court as man is cleared

BY PAUL WILKINSON

FURY broke out in court yesterday as a man was cleared of murdering Nikki Allan, the seven-year-old girl whose stabbed and battered body was found in a derelict building the day after she disappeared near her home in Sunderland 13 months ago.

Sharon Prest, the girl's mother first screamed and then fainted as the jury foreman announced a verdict of not guilty on George Heron, the accused man. Several women wept amid shouts of "bastard".

Family and friends of the dead girl, who had attended all 18 days of the trial at Leeds Cown Court, were angry that a confession by Mr Heron had been kept from the jury.

The prosecution had sought to play a tape recording of the confession made at the end of a series of police interviews totalling nine hours but it was ruled inadmissable in a pretrial hearing by the judge, Mr Justice Mitchell. He said that detectives had used "oppressive" tactics to get Mr Heron, who had denied the murder originally, to admit his guilt and had misrepresented evidence to him.

As a number of male relatives leapt to their feet and gesticulated at Mr Heron and his counsel, a cordon of police and prison officers formed a barrier between the dock and the public. Several jurors looked visibly shaken as Gregory Prest, Nikki's uncle shouted: "He's already confessed."

As officials struggled to restore calm Mr Heron and the jury were hustled out. It was five minutes before the court could be cleared.

Detective Chief Superintendent Barry Stewart said: "People who have been emotionally touched by this case but I ask them to remain calm and leave law enforcement to the police force".

"Oppressive" police, page 3

US turns screw on Europe

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN SEATTLE AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

TOP trade negotiators for Europe and America prepared to meet in Washington today to try to resolve the dispute holding up a trade liberalisation deal which could inject billions of dollars into the world economy, as Washington increased the pressure on Brussels to back down.

President Clinton was buoyed up in Seattle yesterday at the end of the summit of 15 Pacific Rim nations which moved towards creating a trading community with East Asia. Mr Clinton was also cheered by the Senate joining the House of Representatives in ratifying the North American Free Trade Agreement linking America, Canada and Mexico.

With the deadline for completing the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade only 23 days away, Mr Clinton said the Seattle summit's message to Europe was:

"What we want to say to Europe is we're committed to doing everything we can to get a good Gatt agreement... we want your help, let's do it."

The implicit threat to Europe of the Seattle summit and Nafta agreements is that America will turn westwards and southwards for its trade and commerce if the Uruguay Round collapses.

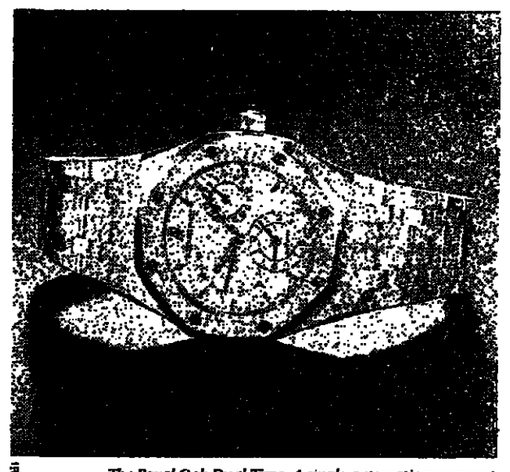
The dispute hinges on stubborn French demands for renegotiation of the Blair House agreement limiting farm subsidies. Foreign and trade ministers in Seattle unanimously backed American opposition to any dilution of the hard-won agreement. Mickey Kantor, the US trade representative, who will meet Sir Leon Brittan, the EC negotiator today, has rejected France's claim that it is seeking "clarifications" to the agreement. It wanted to amend the treaty "which we will not do", he said.

Sir Leon will try to break the deadlock on a number of issues and will complain that America is putting the entire trade deal at risk by holding back its own compromise offers.

EC officials are worried that the Clinton administration made last-minute concessions to American industries on Gatt in order to get the Nafta bill through Congress.

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Advert war for South Africa

BY ANDREW PIERCE

SOUTH Africa is about to receive its first lesson in the manipulative arts of western electioneering. Both Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk have turned to teams of British image makers as they attempt to sell themselves and their parties.

Sir T'm Bell, Baroness Thatcher's favourite ad man, flew to Johannesburg yesterday to meet President de Klerk. He was accompanied by Stephen Sherborne, Lady Thatcher's former political secretary, who was drafted into Downing Street last year to bolster John Major's faltering general election campaign. Bell's company, Lowe Bell Communications, has signed contracts with the National Party. Saatchi and Saatchi, Bell's rivals, have also been hired by the National Party. They will put together a series of newspaper advertisements for the April elections.

Nelson Mandela has signed up the Westminster-based IGA, Britain's biggest political lobbying organisation. The company is giving its services free, having turned down an approach to work for the government. Ian Greer, its chairman, has met Mandela several times to discuss their role. The lobbyists have already arranged meetings with British industrialists.

The ANC will also deploy an American political team led by Bill Lynch, chief political strategist to David Dinkins's failed bid to be re-elected New York mayor, and Stan Greenberg, who was involved in the Clinton campaign.

Sir Tim, whose father, Paddy, was a Springbok radio personality, said: "No television advertising is allowed. It is all about radio."



Sir Tim Bell: image maker for De Klerk

Politics of survival, page 13

Boy, 7, savaged to death in dog attack

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY aged 7 was savaged to death by a mastiff-cross dog yesterday as he built a snowman on a school playing field near his home at Middlesbrough, Cleveland. The animal kept attacking the child despite efforts by the boy who was exercising it to pull the dog clear.

Dean Parker was rolling a snowball with his friend Edward Davies, 8, in the grounds of their primary school when the dog attacked.

Afterwards Paul Sanderson, who was looking after the dog for a friend, wished he could swap places with the victim. "It's a tragic accident, a total nightmare. I just wish I could turn the clock back," said Mr Sanderson, a father of four young children. He said that his son Gareth, 10, who was exercising the dog with his brother Craig, 7, told him the animal "went wild" after snow was kicked at him.

The dog pulled free from its lead and went for the boy. Gareth tried to pull him away, but the dog was too strong. He whipped the dog around the head with the lead, but that failed to stop the attack. The dog only released its grip and ran off when the parents of Dean and Edward arrived on the scene from their homes a few hundred yards away.

Edward's father, Peter Davies, 44, a former soldier, said: "I have done several tours in Northern Ireland, but never

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Ulster's window of opportunity could close, says Reynolds

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND JONATHAN PRYNN

■ Optimism on Northern Ireland has begun to evaporate, with some formidable obstacles to peace thrown under the spotlight

JOHN Major's upbeat assessment of the chances for peace in Northern Ireland appeared premature yesterday when politicians from all sides of Ulster's political spectrum rounded on recent proposals from London and Dublin.

Downing Street moved swiftly to allay growing Tory backbench concern that Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party could be left out of the next stage of the peace process.

Sources emphasised that no settlement could work without the agreement of all communities in Ulster. "Any package seen as addressing only one side of the problem could not work and could well make the search for more balanced proposals even more difficult," they said.

The comments were echoed by Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, who assured unionists that they would be accommodated in a future political settlement.

"I have always said that anybody who approaches the problem of Northern Ireland from one side or another without a balanced approach, without an even-handed approach — taking into account the fears and suspicions of both communities — is doomed to failure," he said.

"This has to take on board all those fears and the widespread views that exist throughout the community."

However, he added that time was running out for the current "window of opportunity".

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, yesterday reaffirmed republicans' determination to continue their struggle. Mr Adams, who resumed his talks with John Hume on Saturday, effectively warned that his talks with the SDLP leader did not mean that the IRA wanted to surrender. "Nothing could be further from the truth," he told the Dublin *Sunday Tribune*. "The capacity of republicans to continue to engage in struggle is totally undaunted and that's true for whatever form of struggle they take part in."

Mr Adams highlighted the formidable obstacles to peace when he said that a leaked Dublin government paper on Northern Ireland, which unionists have condemned, did not go far enough.

The draft blueprint for a political settlement, leaked to the Irish press on Friday, called on London to recognise the legitimacy of the goal of a united Ireland. In return Dublin would change articles 2 and 3 of its constitution, which lay claim to the territory of Northern Ireland.

In his first response to the leak, Mr Adams said: "It [the draft plan] does not appear on first reading to measure up to a declaration of the right of the Irish people to self-determination and, let me say, one should not be concerned about semantics. What I am concerned about is substance."

Mr Reynolds raised the two contentious constitutional articles yesterday on BBC television's *Breakfast with Frost* when he said that they were not up for negotiation.

"I have said on behalf of the Irish government that if an acceptable solution is found after the talks process has been completed, we are prepared to ask the Irish people if they are prepared to change our constitution.

"If I were to put up articles 2 and 3 to the Irish people in the morning they wouldn't pass it," he said.

Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, described Mr Reynolds's comments as the usual generalisations and platitudes from Fianna Fáil politicians.

Mr Maginnis said that propaganda from Dublin had also forced Mr Major to use similar platitudes. "I hope the prime minister does not believe what he says," he said.

"Mr Major has got to ensure that his sincerity — which we have accepted — is maintained. He has got to turn round to Mr Reynolds and say that if the IRA do not agree to a ceasefire and give up their weapons then we will dismantle their operation and introduce executive detention."

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said he hoped that Mr Adams's harsh tone would instill a "breath of reality" into the British prime minister.

How MI6 saved Yeltsin from KGB

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A TELEPHONE call from John Major, armed with a vital piece of intelligence from an MI6 agent in Moscow, may have saved Boris Yeltsin from an elite KGB unit during the 1991 attempted overthrow of President Gorbachev.

Mr Yeltsin, who was then leading the reformers against the hardline coup plotters, spoke to the prime minister from his office inside the White House. Mr Major warned him that the Alpha force, a special KGB unit, was planning to attack the Russian parliament building, where thousands of people opposed to the coup had gathered.

The involvement of MI6 is disclosed by Baroness Park of Monmouth, a retired senior intelligence officer known as the "queen of spies". She was authorised by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary,to speak about MI6 in a BBC *Panorama* programme to be broadcast tonight.

The insight into the workings of MI6 comes on the eve of the publication of the intelligence bill, which will place MI6, MI5 and GCHQ under parliamentary jurisdiction.

Lady Park, 72, who during her career as a spy served in Moscow, Leopoldville, Lusaka, Hanoi and Ulan Bator, discloses that the former Soviet Union remains a priority for MI6.

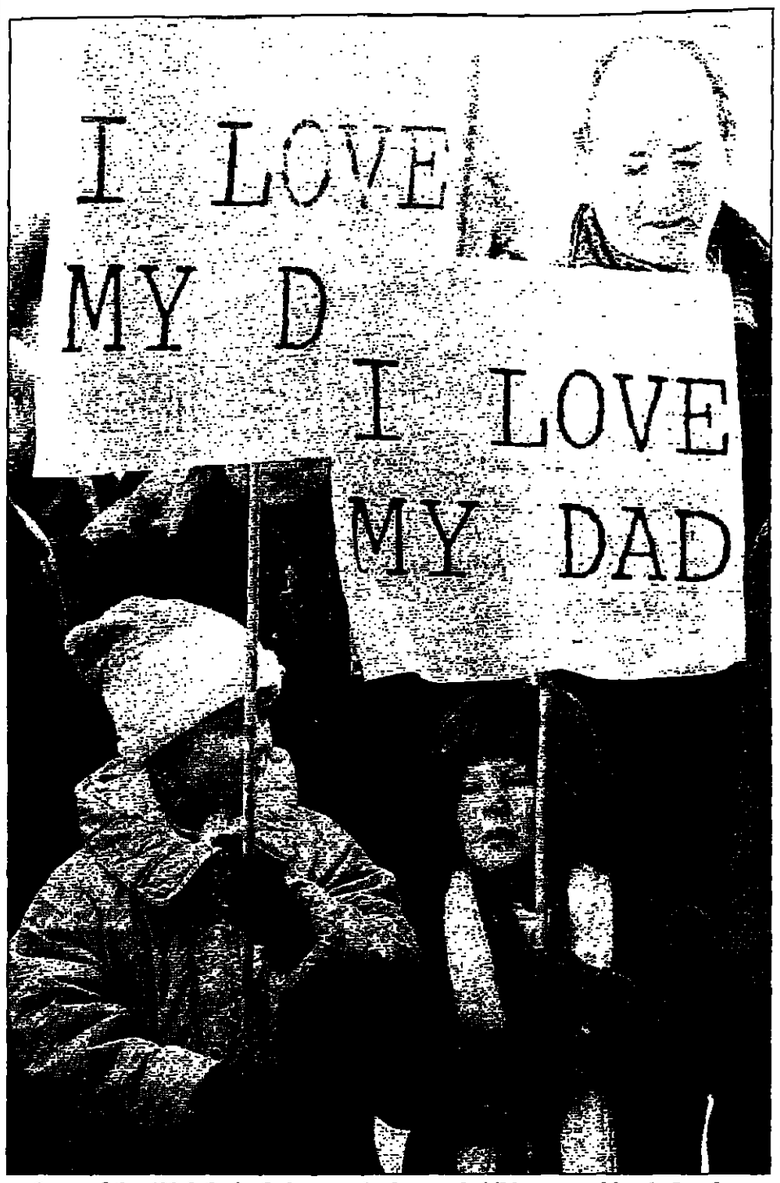
She says: "We're looking at a country which still has the largest army in Europe, which has got a lot of new R&D [research and development], which although it's destroying obsolete weapons is replacing them by new ones all the time."

The baroness, who retired as an MI6 controller in 1979, says: "What we have to find out are the intentions of the Russians. They've still got all those missiles pointing straight at this country, that hasn't been changed yet."

She says MI6 is "very good" at disruptive or covert action, including discreetly setting one person in power against another to learn "what each man fears from another and what each man ... will be capable of doing".

Speaking of her own career, Lady Park, formerly Daphne Park, says: "Quite frankly, I must have been arrested and condemned to be shot several times and it was a hazard that I got used to."

Fathers march against child agency



Some of the 400 fathers, their second wives and children marching in London yesterday to demand the scrapping of the Child Support Agency. One woman said she and her husband were moving to Ireland to escape the agency

Popular schools 'to expand'

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE government is examining ways of enabling league-topping schools to expand in response to increased popular demand. In return, surplus places in schools performing badly in the government's league tables would be squeezed out of state education.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, acknowledged in a weekend speech that a redistribution of places was necessary to make parental choice a reality. League tables had put a premium on schools that were often oversubscribed.

Reviewing the progress of the government's educational reforms at a conference sponsored by the European Commission near Geneva, Lady Blatch said that ministers' immediate priorities were the best and worst state schools. The worst would soon be answerable to new education associations, and in extreme cases closed.

However, she admitted that the pressure on the most popular schools was making it impossible for many parents to secure their preferred places for their children. "The challenge is to make parental choice a reality," Lady Blatch said.

"Clearly there are limits, geographical and physical, and not every parent will be able to get his or her first choice of school."

Lady Blatch said the main obstacle was the existence of 1.5 million empty school places, which made it impossible to justify new building in many areas. "The key issue in the coming years is to find sensible ways of reducing the number of surplus places and transferring money to popular schools."

John Patten, the education secretary, has promised to make significant reductions in the amount of spare capacity in the state school system. Local authority associations have held several rounds of talks with the education department on the subject, and some large re-organisation plans have been approved by ministers recently.

Lady Blatch told the International Organisation for the Development of Freedom of Education that it would be impossible and undesirable to remove all 1.5 million surplus places. However, in spite of that, the cost of spare capacity was still at an unacceptably high level.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Worst graduate job figure in 10 years

Unemployment among new graduates has reached a 10-year high, according to the latest figures published today. One in seven (14 per cent) of 1992 university graduates in England, Scotland and Wales failed to find work, a review by the Institute of Manpower Studies shows.

Many of those who got a job had to lower their career expectations and salary levels as the number of graduates continued to rise, said the institute, which is based at Sussex University. Helen Connor, one of the review's authors, said that graduate output had almost doubled in the past five years. The vastly increased graduate output, leading to the highest graduate unemployment for a decade, had altered the graduate labour market beyond recognition. Ms Connor said: "Graduate unemployment is still rising and the traditional demand for graduates remains weak."

The out-of-work figure is lower for graduates from the so-called old or established universities (11 per cent) than for graduates from the former polytechnics and colleges that are now universities (almost 18 per cent). Of almost 121,000 graduates last year, 16,763 were jobless. The institute's projections of graduate output to 1995 show an expected increase of 57 per cent from last year. The number of women graduates is forecast to grow at 68 per cent compared to 45 per cent for men.

Pledge on Civil Service

William Waldegrave yesterday underlined the government's determination not to allow outside competition for top Civil Service jobs to compromise the impartiality of Whitehall advice. The government will today publish proposals for reform of Britain's central bureaucracy aimed at increasing external expertise in its upper echelons. Speaking on BBC Radio 4, Mr Waldegrave, the minister responsible for the civil service, said that it was important to guard against creeping politicisation of the Civil Service in any reforms. Sir Peter Kemp, page 9

Royal train sale denied

The transport department denied reports yesterday that the royal train is to be privatised. In April the armoured train, which costs about £2 million a year to maintain and run, is to be handed to Railtrack, the government company responsible for maintaining the infrastructure of the privatised rail network. A spokeswoman said that no private sector bids had been sought or received. She said: "The train will be the responsibility of Railtrack and that arrangement will continue until such time as the company is transfered into private ownership."

Dubai court jails Briton

A court in the United Arab Emirates has sentenced a Briton to six months in jail for handing out Christian literature to Iranian Muslims. According to a British official, Ray Amey, 41, was jailed in Dubai after he lost an appeal against a conviction for promoting Christianity as a superior religion to Islam. Proselytising by non-Muslims is outlawed in the UAE. David Gessing, the British vice-consul, said that Mr Amey was first detained in January shortly after arriving in the UAE as a visitor, but was released before the court case. He will be deported after serving his six-month sentence.

Pit closure deal agreed

Miners at Bentley Colliery in Yorkshire have accepted management plans to close the pit on December 3, British Coal said yesterday. The National Union of Mineworkers accepted improved redundancy payments of up to £44,000 for each miner. Management blamed the closure on the reduced demand for British coal. British Coal wants to close two other Yorkshire pits, Hatfield in Doncaster and Frickley in Pontefract, by the same date. Silverdale Colliery in Staffordshire will also stop production on December 3, subject to the agreement of its 400 miners.

Lone voyager sets off



Mike Golding, left, the lone yachtsman who aims to knock 100 days off the non-stop round-the-world record by Chay Blyth, set off from Southampton yesterday aboard his 67ft yacht *Group 4 Securitas*. Blyth, who made the voyage in 292 days 22 years ago, was among supporters who cheered him on his way. Golding, 33, said: "I'm obviously nervous, but I'm looking forward to getting going."

Pilot's body found

Rescue workers yesterday recovered the body of a newly-qualified helicopter pilot who died when his aircraft crashed in the snow-covered Brecon Beacons. Martin Shufflebotham, 42, was alone in the helicopter which went missing on a flight from Bristol to his home town of Llandeilo, Dyfed, on Saturday. The scrap metal dealer had just passed his pilot's examination and was flying the hired helicopter to take his wife and children on a pleasure trip. An enquiry is to be held into the cause of the crash. More snow, page 1. Weather, page 20

Nicotine patches call

Nicotine patches double the chance of giving up smoking and should be available on the NHS, the Consumers' Association says. A quarter of smokers can quit if given nicotine patches with counselling, according to today's issue of *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, published by the association. A sixth can succeed with the patches and brief advice from their GP. Dr Joe Collier, editor of the bulletin, suggests that anybody combining patches with counselling should have the cost paid by the NHS. Those using patches alone should pay their own bills.

Cyclist hit by bus

A British woman cyclist was badly injured when her team bus crashed into her in France yesterday. Four of her colleagues on the bus were injured, two seriously. An articulated lorry is thought to have hit the back of the bus, which was following the woman on the outskirts of Paris. A spokesman from the Traditional Touring Club in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, said that one person on the bus had a broken neck and another had fractured vertabrae. The woman had severe head injuries and two others were treated for cuts and bruises.

Illegal hunters caught

Police caught more than 20 men taking part in illegal hare coursing and betting yesterday. A squad of officers intercepted groups operating with lurcher dogs on the Berkshire and Oxfordshire Downs. The men, from Gwent, Surrey, Hampshire, Wiltshire and Avon, are being reported for poaching and gambling offences. Police said: "They bet very large sums of money on the outcome of hunting the hares using the dogs, and both activities are illegal." It was the second police action against poachers in the area this month.

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Boy dies after attack by dog

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saw anything as dreadful as that. It will live with me for ever."

He described a long gash on the boy's head exposing the bone and blood coming from a neck injury. "The child's mother was in hysterics."

Dean was taken to Middlesbrough general hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival. Edward was said to be suffering from shock.

Mr Sanderson learned of the attack when he returned home from a night shift. "My wife just told me the dog had bitten someone, I didn't know how bad it was. I went straight round to Dean's home and saw the police. They took me back to my house and just said 'Imagine the worst'. I felt sick. I can express my sorrow, but that is no good to the lad's family. I would rather it had been me. I would rather someone put me up against a wall and shot me than for this to happen.



Dean Parker: dead on arrival at hospital

"My sons know Dean from school and my wife knows him. They are all in tears. You read about vicious dog attacks — they have always appalled me — but I never though Tutu would behave like that. He is a family pet who gets knocked about by all the kids and has never so much as growled at them."

The dog is being held by Cleveland police until a decision is made on whether it should be destroyed.

Terrence Bate, the RSPCA's chief veterinary offiers, said: "The mastiff is one of our biggest dogs, probably 3ft at the shoulder. It is not necessarily more vicious than other breeds but if it does attack, it has the sheer power in its jaws and head to kill."

He urged owners of big dogs not to allow children to walk them unaccompanied by an adult. "Just as you do not let a child drive a car, you don't let a child take out a big dog," he said.

'Blow-out' raises tunnel fear

BY TIM JONES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT experts are examining the safety implications of an electrical "blow-out" during a test of power systems in the Channel tunnel.

They will compile a report to John MacGregor, the transport secretary, although Eurotunnel said yesterday that the incident would probably not have halted a train.

John Noulton, public affairs director of Eurotunnel, which next month takes over control of the £10 billion project from the building consortium TML, denied reports that the explosion had wrecked a 750-metre section of the tunnel. He said a train could probably have continued its journey because one of the two engines at either end would still have been in contact with one of the electrical loops. "In all probability, passengers travelling on one of the trains would have been unaware of the incident."

Mr Noulton confirmed that a 375-metre section of cabling was being replaced because of a faulty ceramic insulator that had blown during tests.

Both Eurotunnel and TML say that by the time the tunnel opens for business in March, it will be one of the safest transport systems in the world.

Planners concede that one of the main fears for travellers is the thought of the tunnel lining rupturing and the sea pouring in. Although pumps have been provided for such an occurrence, they say it would take an earthquake unprecedented in the region for it to happen.

Layers of safety precautions have been designed to ensure that in a worst-case emergency the tunnel could be evacuated within 90 minutes. If fire breaks out in one of the passenger shuttles, automatic sensors will detect any dangerous hydrocarbon vapours. A fire-fighting gas, Halon 1301, will be released if a fire becomes life-threatening.

Each Eurostar train can be split into two independent halves so that one can be used to carry passengers from the other. If neither part of the train could move, passengers would make their way along a tunnel walkway to the service tunnel, from which they would board another train.

Victims 'will report more crime'

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE government's package of law and order measures could increase the number of reported crimes, the home secretary said yesterday.

Michael Howard said that the public would be more willing to report crime if they thought that police were catching those responsible.

"If they think the police are doing a bad job, they do not bother to report the crime," he said. "We could actually see an increase in the number of reported crimes, the more effective the police get."

The government's measures include modifying the right to silence and creating new offences to deal with anti-hunt protesters and squatters. Mr Howard, speaking on LWT's *Walden* programme, rejected criticism that the moves would have little or no impact on the 15 million crimes committed each year, but he admitted that he could not gauge the effects of each proposal.

"I can't quantify the consequence of each of the measures I am putting forward," he said. "They are things that will have an impact."

He hoped that the measures would lead to more police officers on the beat and greater fear among potential criminals that they would be caught and punished.

CORRECTION

A caption to a photograph of an Auster aircraft (November 16) which crashed in Kent wrongly implied that the plane was of 1930s vintage: in fact it was built in 1958.

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Nikki Allan judge rules out murder confession

By Paul Wilkinson

■ A murder confession has been rejected as inadmissible because of the way police officers interviewed the suspect

GEORGE Heron was acquitted of the murder of Nikki Allan, 7, yesterday after the judge ruled that an alleged confession he made was inadmissible because of "oppressive" police questioning.

The jury had not been told that during police interrogation, Mr Heron, 24, had admitted murdering Nikki, whose relatives reacted with anger to the verdict.

Mr Justice Mitchell ruled the confession inadmissible after eight days of legal argument before the start of the trial at Leeds Crown Court.

It was made after a total of nine hours questioning of Mr Heron, who knew the dead girl and lived in the same Wear Garth housing complex in Sunderland.

Initially he had denied any connection with the death of Nikki Allan, whose battered body was discovered in a derelict building the day after she disappeared close to her home 13 months ago.

The judge said that the police had been oppressive and had misrepresented evidence to Mr Heron, falsely claiming they had two witnesses who had identified him at the place where the girl was last seen alive.

They had also delayed putting him on an identity parade, because they thought their witnesses were unsure. He said the police were convinced of his guilt and would accept no other answer.

The police had conducted "an exercise in breaking the defendant's resolve to make no admissions". Once that resolve was broken, the interviews lead inexorably to a full confession. "It is wrong, quite wrong, to tell him it was in his best interests to tell them the truth when they made it all too clear to him that they regarded the truth was that he was the killer," Mr Justice Mitchell said.

In the absence of the confession, Aidan Marron QC had opened the prosecution case by admitting to the jury that it was based on purely circumstantial evidence. But he had told them: "When you take it all together you can properly infer that George Heron is responsible for the murder."

At the close of the prosecution evidence, Roger Thorne QC, for the defence, had suggested there was no case to answer. He said the Crown had failed to show motive, there were no witnesses, there was no scientific evidence, no evidence that such evidence had been removed, and no evidence to contest Mr Heron's alibi that he was in his sister's flat in Wear Garth at the time of Nikki's death. However, Mr Justice Mitchell had ruled that that the case should go to the jury.



Sharon Prest, mother of the dead girl

After the verdict Peter Thubron, Mr Heron's solicitor, attacked the police handling of the case, saying they had spent 13 months trying unsuccessfuly to prove him guilty. "During those 13 months the police have allowed Nikki's family and many people in Sunderland to think that George Heron was guilty and that there were no other suspects. George Heron can never go back to his home in Sunderland. Nikki lies in her grave in Grangetown and the police got the wrong man."

He said it was one of the "saddest and most frustrating" cases he had ever defended. Nikki's family had been entitled to expect the police to bring her killer to justice. "In spite of the wealth of evidence obtained and the virtually unlimited resources available, that has not been done." He believed that if the case were reopened, too much time had passed for the killer to be found.

Barry Stewart, head of Northumbria CID, said after the verdict that he had no criticism of the methods used by the interogating officers.

"All the evidence we had pointed towards the man who was eventually charged. This was certainly not a case of the police having preconcieved ideas. The charge of murder was correctly brought and reviewed by the Crown Prosecution Service.

"These interviews were conducted properly by police in accordance with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act and much of the lines and styles used in the questioning of the suspect have been used over a number of years.

"As far as the oppressive aspect of the interviews is concerned, that is a matter for interpretation. In a difficult case like this there is no use pussyfooting around. Questions have to be asked of people whom you may think have a lot to hide."

The file would remain open and they would investigate any new evidence. He added: "It is understandable feelings will be running high, but people should not take the law into their own hands."

Nikki Allan disappeared on the night of October 7 last year. After a huge search involving police and the public, her body was found in the basement of a derelict warehouse about a mile from her home. She had been battered about the head with a brick and stabbed 37 times with a kitchen knife.

Mr Heron was arrested a week later. The Crown had claimed he had taken an unusually close interest in the girl when she came to visit his sister's children in her flat. Mr Heron said he had not left the flat on the day she died, but several people said they saw him buying crisps at a pub near by, close to one of the final sightings of the girl. Two witnesses saw the girl with a man she appeared to know near the warehouse, but neither picked out Mr Heron in identity parades.

Despite the frenzied nature of the attack, the police found bloodstains only on one of Mr Heron's shoes and tests could not even determine whether they were human.

After the verdict, Richard Prest, Nikki's grandfather, said: "This is the worst day of my life. I will have no peace without knowing the killer is locked up. Sharon [Sharon Prest, Nikki's mother] has taken it very badly. She has not been able to cope with it. Maybe later the family can help her to get things together. It has all be very traumatic."



Nikki Allan, the murdered schoolgirl, and George Heron (with glasses), who was acquitted of killing her, arriving at Leeds Crown Court

End of an era as historic lifeboat makes its last trip

By Ian Murray

THE last traditional lifeboat in Britain is being phased out of service this week as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution completes the modernisation of its 210-strong fleet. For the first time in more than 200 years there will be no double-ended boat standing by to rescue those in peril.

The crew at Aldeburgh station in Suffolk who man it are at RNLI headquarters in Poole training on their new square-ended boat, the *Freddie Cooper*. Next weekend they will sail for home, where their old boat, the *James Cable*, will be launched for the last time to welcome its replacement.

It is the end of an era that began in 1785 when Lionel Lukin, a London coach-builder, patented a double-ended, cork-buoyed boat to provide maximum stability for the gentry wishing to take young ladies boating on the Thames.

Four years later two South Shields craftsmen who designed boats they claimed were impossible to capsize won a two-guinea prize offered on Tyneside when theirs survived heavy weather. They produced the first purpose-built lifeboat in 1790. Called *The Original*, it served on Tyneside for 40 years before it was wrecked. By 1804 31 boats of a similar design had been built to create the first lifeboat fleet.

The double end was essential in rough seas, especially with the early boats capable of no more than a few knots. Offshore waves can reach speeds of 27 knots and the pointed stern was needed to allow them to pass smoothly without destablising the boat.

Even with the introduction of motors, lifeboats could never outrun the weather and had to rely on the double-end design, which also limited them to a maximum speed of eight knots. The only way to make them faster was to abandon the traditional design and build boats with a conventional transom stern.

The new 17-knot Mersey-class lifeboat was developed, at a cost of £650,000 each. They are equipped with sophisticated electronics, a watertight cabin that enables them to self-right in five seconds and the latest communications systems. Despite the advantages, experienced lifeboatmen warn the change will be traumatic for the crew.

"You get terribly attached to your boat, especially once they get you out of a sticky situation," says Graham Walker, coxswain of the boat at Wells before a Mersey was bought four years ago. "We were very fond of our old boat, especially after she took us through a force-12 gale."

The RNLI's modernisation programme, begun in 1986, has been completed on schedule at a cost of £50 million. During the next 12 years another £100 million will be spent on replacing about half the existing fleet. "It is worse than trying to keep the Forth bridge painted," David Hudson, the chief technical officer, said. "Somebody is always coming along with a new requirement that we have to try to satisfy."

The old Aldeburgh boat, which was built in 1982, is likely to be sold to Estonia, which bought a similar RNLI boat last March.



The lifeboat *James Cable*, built from a 200-year-old design, on one of its last trips

Soccer chief stamps on stars

By Michael Horsnell

ONLY days after the England football team's ignominious exit from the World Cup, some of the country's potential young stars have been told to curtail their talents and stop scoring so many goals. It demoralises the opposition and, in these politically correct times in which equality is all, that would never do.

The best teams in a local boys' league have been told to stop hurting their opponents' feelings by scoring too many goals or else face expulsion. Managers are being urged to put prolific strikers in goal in order to restore a balance between teams in the Wycombe and South Bucks Star League.

The order was announced after Paul Kimbrey, the league's secretary, got fed up with some teams putting more than 20 goals past their outclassed rivals. Mr Kimbrey said: "It is to my despair that team managers seem unable to recognise the damage they could cause by defeating opponents by scores in excess of 20 goals.

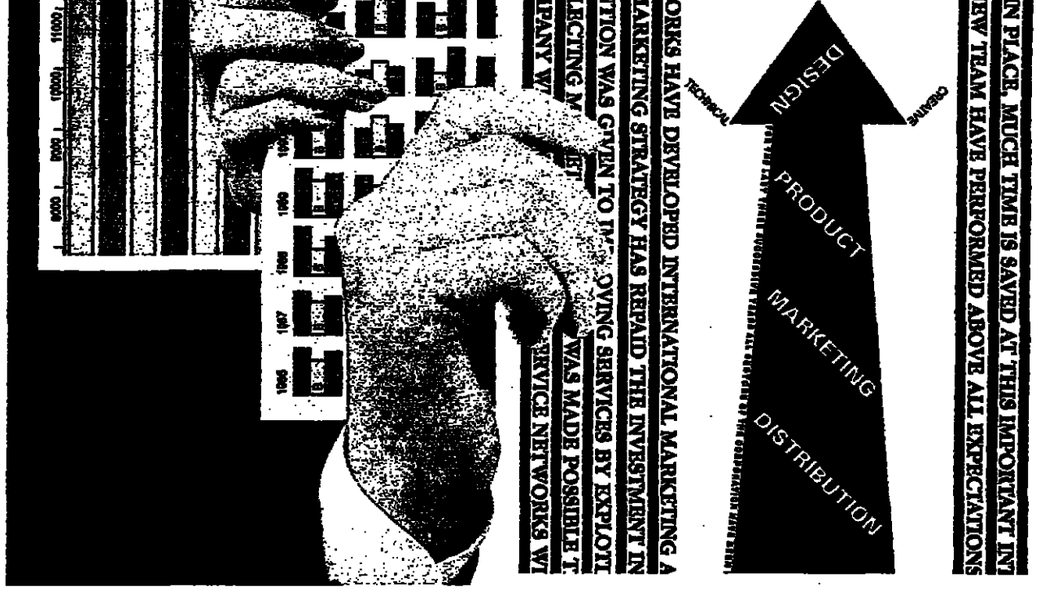
"If this trend continues, we may have to abandon competetive football next season in the younger age groups," he said. From now on, huge scores will be listed only as a win for the victors in a column the league committee publishes in the local *Wycombe Star*.

But Mike Saunders, chairman of Chalfont Saints, whose under-10 team recently won 16-0, said: "How can you stop it happening? The kids probably would be upset if they lost 25-0, but I think a lot depends on the attitude of the team's manager ... you try to lift them at the end regardless of the result."

Terry Essery, the league's results secretary, suggests that managers put their top goal-scorers in goal if the game gets too one-sided. "We have to threaten this action to try and get things changed," he said.

Mr Kimbrey added "that this league does not condone the 'win-at-all-cost' attitude becoming prevalent of late ... both on the field and among parents on the touchline". Tell that to Graham Taylor.

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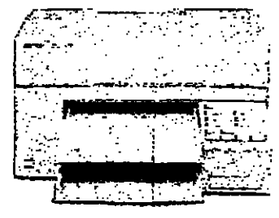
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Churchill files will unlock wartime secrets

BY MICHAEL DYNES
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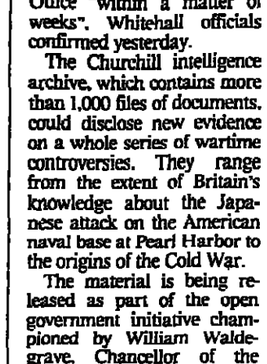
WINSTON Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive is to be declassified and released to the Public Record Office "within a matter of weeks", Whitehall officials confirmed yesterday.

The Churchill intelligence archive, which contains more than 1,000 files of documents, could disclose new evidence on a whole series of wartime controversies. They range from the extent of Britain's knowledge about the Japanese attack on the American naval base at Pearl Harbor to the origins of the Cold War.

The material is being released as part of the open government initiative championed by William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The initiative has already resulted in a variety of classified documents being made available to the public. They include details of Home Office papers on the execution of Hawley Harvey Crippen, the wife murderer, and Britain's wartime sabotage activities in the Far East.

Churchill received a daily summary of the fruits of Britain's global intelligence gathering operations throughout the second world war years, which makes the intelligence archive a unique record of the waxing and waning of Britain's wartime fortunes.

Dr Richard Aldrich, a lecturer in politics at Nottingham University, who specialises in intelligence, said: "The beauty of those records is that they are a summary of the best material from a huge wartime code-breaking machine." He said they had the potential "to throw new light on almost any aspect of the second world war".



Roosevelt: was he kept in the dark?

Historians will be eager to discover whether the archive contains material which might prove, one way or the other, if Churchill had any advance knowledge of Japan's carrier-borne aircraft attack on Pearl Harbor in the early hours of December 7, 1941, which resulted in the loss of 19 ships and 120 aircraft and the death of 2,400 people.

In their recent book *Betrayal at Pearl Harbor*, James Rusbridger and the late Eric Nave claim that British code breakers in Singapore succeeded in cracking vital Japanese naval signals which alerted them to the imminent attack on the main US naval base in Hawaii.

The authors allege, however, that while this information was passed on to Churchill, he did not share it with American intelligence officers in order to ensure that President Roosevelt brought the United States into the war.

Most historians believe that Churchill had no advance knowledge of the surprise Japanese attack.

The intelligence archive could also show new perspectives on the origins of the Cold War. Although the genesis of this conflict has traditionally been traced to events in the immediate post-war years, a growing number of historians now see the roots of the Cold War as stretching back as far as 1941.

In addition to revealing the kind of intelligence Churchill was receiving on the Soviet advance into Eastern Europe, the archive should also illuminate Anglo-American anxieties over just how far the Allies were afraid the Soviets would go.

"It isn't just a war archive, it's also an early Cold War archive," Dr Aldrich said.

He added that Britain's wartime ability to intercept a wide range of enemy signals meant, for example, that when Hitler sent a telegram to General Rommel in the western desert, that message could be deciphered by British signals experts and could land on Churchill's desk at the same time as it reached Rommel's tent.

Dr Aldrich believes the archive will cast new light on every strategic decision of the war, from the decision to press ahead with convoys across the Atlantic, through the daylight bombing of German cities to the opening of the second front.





The archives should reveal whether Churchill, seen broadcasting to the nation during the war, knew from intelligence of the impending Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, left

Historians protect foreign route to classified papers

BY OUR WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH historians are refusing to identify secret documents released abroad that remain classified at home, because they fear that ministers will ask foreign governments to withdraw them.

Fifty historians will gather in London on Wednesday for a conference held by the Institute of Contemporary British History to discuss records that have been released abroad, particularly in America, Canada, and Australia, but which are still withheld in this country.

By drawing up a list of documents available abroad, the historians hope to encourage the government to accelerate the release of official papers that have begun to trickle out under the so-called Waldegrave initiative for more open government.

Because of a secret agreement between the Foreign Office and the US State Department, which enables the government to request the retention of documents dealing with Britain that would normally be released under the US Freedom of Information Act, the historians are taking no chances.

Dr Richard Aldrich, a politics lecturer at Nottingham University, plans to cite documents from GCHQ, the government's secret listening station, that are available in the US. But he said he would blank out the file numbers so that Britain could not ask the US government to have them removed.

Under the agreement with the State Department, documents dealing with CIA-MI6 operations in the Eastern bloc in the 1950s, papers on US-UK secret flights over the former Soviet Union, and MI5 reports on communists in Western Europe that were shared with US intelligence officers are regularly purged from the annual US releases.

Sad letters paint bleak picture of Garbo's life

BY JOHN SHAW

GRETA Garbo's bleak private life is exposed in a series of letters to be sold in London next month. One of the screen's greatest superstars was lonely, unhappy, and, according to the correspondence, unable to form satisfactory relationships.

"I suppose I will end up an old spinster," she remarked in one when she was one of the biggest stars in Hollywood. Garbo died in New York in 1990, aged 84. Her inner melancholy was revealed in 66 letters sold for £26,450 at Sotheby's in June.

The sale has flushed out a further 44, mostly written in Swedish. They were addressed to Mimi Pollak, a lifelong actress friend and cover the period from 1923 to 1984. Sotheby's expects the bundle to sell for up to £20,000 on December 13.

In one letter Garbo talks about her isolation: "You have no idea how it hurts to be as confined and unhappy as I am." She hated filming, which she called "factory work", and disliked Hollywood and "ugly America". She cut herself off from the film world when not working. In another note she said: "The glamour with which we surround American film world hardly exists here. There is nothing elegant or beautiful."

Of her inability to form satisfactory relationships, she wrote: "Isn't it strange Mimi, I never look at any men (or women for that matter). I would never be interested in them, ever."

Fame also left her indifferent. "My film has just been shown and the critics were wonderfully kind, but I wasn't impressed with myself at all." Garbo retired at the height of her popularity in 1941.

Dr Peter Beal, a manuscript expert who catalogued the selection, said: "These letters keep returning to the same refrain for 60 years. She was aware of her dilemma, realised it was a mess, admitted it, and couldn't do much about it. I think that's what makes her an enigma."



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Retired couple vanish from village home

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

POLICE in Leicestershire will today resume their search for a retired ICI executive and his wife who have been missing from their home for more than a week.

The search for Derek and Eileen Severs, both in their 60s, from Upper Hambleton, Leicestershire, was called off late last night when police digging in the garden found nothing. A search of their home also failed to produce clues to explain the Severs' disappearance. They were last seen on November 13.

A helicopter search of the area, including a large stretch of Rutland Water behind the couple's home, also gave no clues to their whereabouts.

A man arrested in Stamford, Lincolnshire, on Friday was last night still being held in connection with their disappearance, although police said they were not considering charges at this stage.

Detectives have also spoken to the couple's son, Roger, who is unemployed and moved back to live at the family home six months ago.

The alarm was raised on Thursday by colleagues of Mrs Severs, who was made an MBE about five years ago for voluntary work in the prison service. They were concerned that she had failed to appear for a number of appointments to do with her charity work.

Worry about the couple's safety increased when it was also discovered that Mr Severs, a prominent local Conservative party supporter, had failed to appear for a customary drink at his local pub.

The couple's cars, a VW Golf and a Rover, were still parked outside the house yesterday and police said there were no signs of a struggle.

Det Inspector Mick Palmer, who is leading a team of 30 officers searching for the couple, said: "We are treating the disappearance as suspicious. We hope to find an innocent explanation, but at the present time we are extremely concerned." The garden had been dug to check two newly cultivated patches of ground but nothing had been found.

One villager, who did not want to be named, said: "We're a small, peaceful community. This has shocked us all. There are rumours going around, and one does not know what to do. They are a lovely, quiet couple who have lived in their home for about 12 years. It's awful to think something terrible may have happened to them."

A fifth of 8-year-olds are regular drinkers

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE in five children aged eight and nine are drinking alcohol regularly and more than half have tried beer, lager or wine.

Smoking is less fashionable among the young. One in ten has tried cigarettes before the age of 12, but three quarters say that they will not smoke as adults, according to a study by Exeter University's schools health education unit. Almost 8,000 children aged between eight and 11 took part in the study.

Sweets continue to be a big attraction and are the item most commonly bought with pocket money. However, fewer than half the children surveyed said they ate sweets three times a week or more.

Cycling and swimming are the most popular active pursuits. Television is the usual pastime of 80 per cent after school, but 40 per cent included reading for pleasure among their normal evening practices.

Information was collected through anonymous questionnaires in a representative sample of primary schools.

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MARTIN BEDDALL

British shoppers are stocking up with alcohol at French ports, attracted by the lure of wine and beer often a third of the price of that in Britain

'Booze cruise' Britons flock to France for Christmas bargains

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

■ *Tax-free alcohol is attracting so many shoppers to French ports that British retailers say their livelihoods are threatened*

THE number of British shoppers visiting French supermarkets has soared in the past few weeks as the pre-Christmas hunt for bargain drink and tobacco across the Channel gets into full swing.

The number of British day-trippers in the hypermarkets of Calais alone has more than doubled over the past two weeks, as Britons flock to the French ports to take advantage of their first Christmas caches of tax-free alcohol since the lifting of EC trade barriers in January.

Ferry operators say they are amazed at the start to a season which, before the borders of Europe opened, used to be their slowest. Last week, P&O European Ferries reports, it carried 57 per cent more cars, and 42 per cent more passengers, on its Dover to Calais crossings than this time last year, figures which are almost 30 per cent up on what has been an exceptional year for the cross-Channel carriers. Between now and Christmas, it predicts it will carry one million shoppers to France.

The cross-Channel bonanza for French traders and British bargain-hunters comes amid dire warnings from the British wine and beer industries that it is UK pubs, off-licences and wine merchants which will bear the cost at what should be their busiest season.

Customs and Excise unions also meet today to demand more funding for their fight against bootlegging, a cross-Channel trade which they claim is already losing the government half a billion pounds in tax revenue and which is growing by the day.

Such warnings make little impact on shoppers attracted by the lure of wine and beer often a third of the price of that in Britain. Excise duty and VAT alone put an added £1.12 on a British-bought bottle of wine.

Last week, even on weekdays, the car-parks of Calais' cash-and-carry emporia were crammed with British number plates. Dave West, a Londoner who dubs himself the Freddy Laker of the British beer industry, has seen more than 120,000 crates of beer leave his 24-hour Calais beer and wine warehouse. Eastenders, in the past week alone, all of it to British shoppers. "If it continues like this, I'm predicting Calais will run out of beer before Christmas," he said.

At the Mammouth hypermarket, the number of British shoppers passing through its doors has almost tripled since the end of last month. "It is exceptional, incredible, and they just keep coming," Marc Romero, the store's general manager, said.

By Christmas, the Calais chamber of commerce estimates some 60 million litres (13 million gallons) of beer will have been carried back from France to Britain as Christmas shoppers take advantage of the personal allowances letting travellers return with 110 litres of beer and 90 litres of wine. According to the Brewers' Society, every tenth bottle drunk in the UK is now bought in France.

British industry experts are saying that the so-called "booze cruises" are costing British retailers more than £1 million a day in lost business. The Wine and Spirit Assocation of Great Britain predicts a gloomy Christmas for many traders, particularly those in the South East, with trade down by 5 per cent or more on last year.

Peter Lewis, the association's director, said: "There's going to be a loss to business, a loss of jobs and a loss of revenue to the Treasury. And this is only the first year; they haven't even got into their stride yet."

The Brewers' Society predicts some 10,000 pubs will close by the year 2,000, with cheap imports of beer a significant factor in their demise.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman is stabbed to death

A 21-year-old woman was found dying of multiple stab wounds at her home in Woking, Surrey.

A paramedic tried to save Mrs Jeannette Tadd after police were called to a dispute, but she died in hospital at Chertsey.

Detectives opened a murder investigation and a 30-year-old man was later being interviewed.

Bogus PC in abduction bid

Police are trying to trace a man posing as a policeman who tried to lure a brother and sister, aged 12 and 13, into his car in Hereford.

The incident is being linked to others in which a man with a flashing blue light on his car has demanded on-the-spot fines from motorists.

Race attack

A 23-year-old African student struck by a car and attacked by two men with a hammer in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, may have been the victim of a racist attack, police said. He was allowed home after treatment.

Twins charged

David and Peter Lloyd-Smith, 20-year-old twins, of Finsbury Park, north London, are to appear in court tomorrow charged with threatening to kill a policewoman after an incident involving a sword at Hackney police station.

Climber named

Police named a climber who fell to his death on Glen Etive, Highland, on Saturday as Mark Wilson, a 21-year-old bank officer from Glasgow.

Ring resurfaces

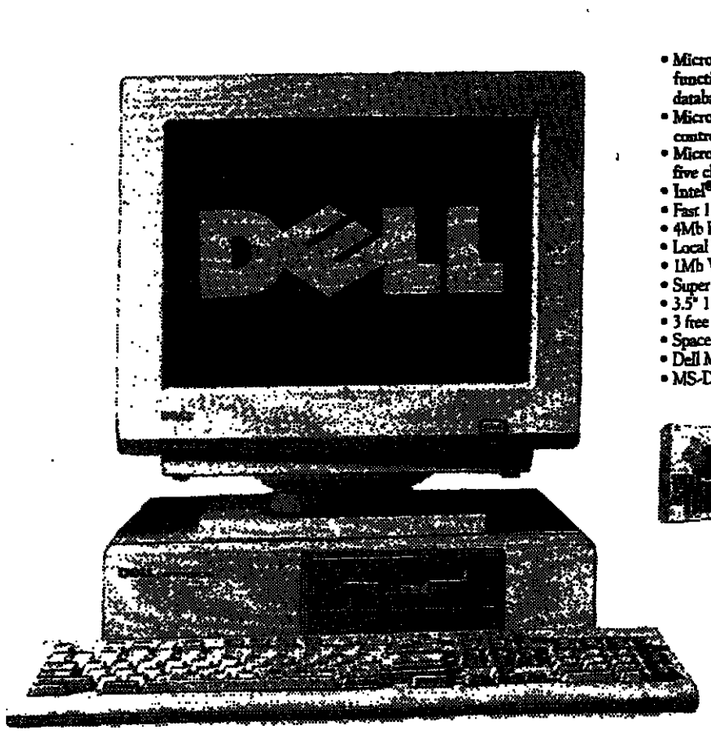
A wedding ring stolen eight years ago from Margaret Bilney, of Cam, Gloucestershire, was returned by a builder who found it with a bank card in her purse at the bottom of the River Cam.

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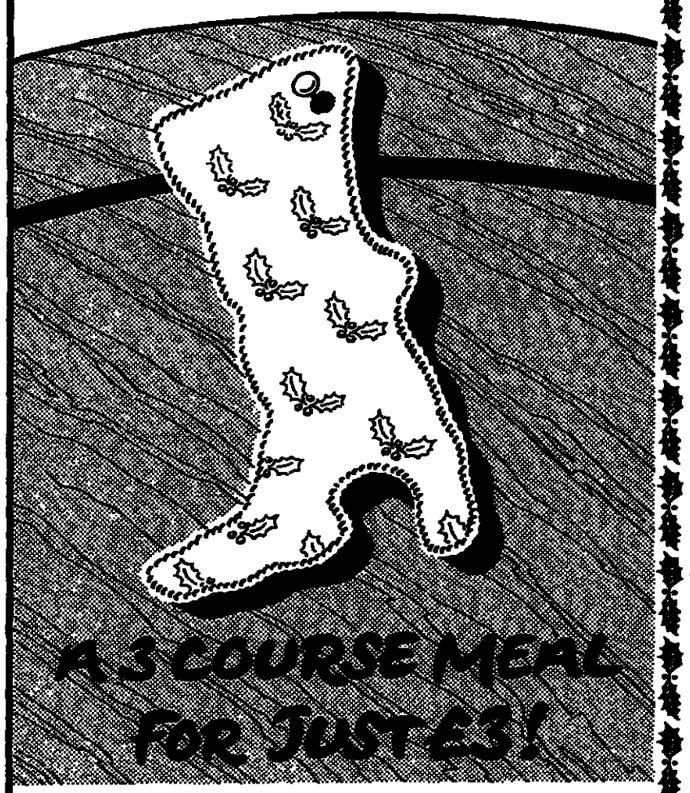
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Backlash on political correctness

Tory MPs manfully resist crusade to rewrite herstory

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A GROUP of Conservative MPs has launched a campaign to halt the wave of political correctness sweeping through British institutions.

A survey by *The Times* has found that town halls, universities, publishing houses, the BBC and the churches are among institutions in the vanguard of the American-imported political correctness movement.

Last week's U-turn by Labour-controlled Plymouth City Council, over an earlier decision to ban the use of the word manager among its workforce, was a rare victory for those campaigning to halt the forward march of political correctness. It is seen by opponents as an attempt to rewrite the dictionary and to dictate how people live.

Also last week, the Labour-run Wakefield Council, in West Yorkshire, drew up guidelines which banned councillors from making so-called sexist jokes and suggestive remarks. In the same week a childminder in Greenwich, southeast London, was barred from working because she owns a golliwog and reads Noddy books to her charges.

Conservative Central Office and a handful of Tory MPs are monitoring the growth of the PC movement. Alan Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton, one of the most vocal critics of the PC brigade, is compiling a dossier of the worst cases. Mr Duncan, who recently raised the issue in the Commons at prime minister's question time, said: "PC is destroying the English language. It is an exercise in brainwashing and indoctrination, and a loathsome form of propaganda and thought control. It is intellectual censorship in universities which must be resisted."

Mr Duncan said he planned to read the recently published PC phrasebook "and do the opposite". He added: "If Robertson's marmalade brings back the golliwog, I will spread it on my toast every day."

Scarcely an institution in Britain is immune. A recent survey of 100 of Britain's largest companies revealed that 78 per cent expect political correctness to creep into the boardroom and onto the shop floor. While only 37 per cent had a policy on equal opportunities, 55 per cent of the companies thought that PC would become an influence.

Nigel Rees, editor of the *Politically Correct Phrasebook*, says that the attempt by the PC brigade to prevent people from feeling excluded has been at times ludicrous and wicked. Feminism played a big part. "In some London bookshops there are 'herstory' shelves beside the 'history' shelves," he said.

"Some feminists think one should say 'femstruate' rather than 'menstruate'. Others prefer 'femhole' instead of 'manhole'. Plain daft."

Labour town halls have traditionally flown the PC flag. Liverpool council may prohibit the use of the word "love", a popular epithet on Merseyside, and Islington council is sending its workmen on courses to cure them of the urge to wolf whistle.

The Trades Union Congress, not to be outdone, has issued guidelines to its members. Newly formed universities are already flexing their politically correct muscles.

Even the pulpit is not immune. The battle of the sexes has delayed the publication of the new Roman Catholic catechism. Nearly every paragraph is said to be affected in an attempt to be politically correct. 'Men' and 'mankind' were weeded out from the revised text, until the cardinals in Rome objected. The debate continues.

Goodwill to all men this Christmas will also be amended in many churches to include women as well. The General Synod's decision to allow women priests has meant churches up and down the country have dropped "Good Christian Men Rejoice" for "Good Christians All Rejoice".

THE LONG MARCH TOWARDS PC

Broadcasting: the BBC's latest guidelines, published last week, say "disabled" is often perceived as offensive and the term "people with learning difficulties" is preferred. Gay and lesbian are preferred to homosexual.

TUC: guidelines say that blackleg, blacklisted and black economy are out of favour. Manning, manpower and man-hours are also deemed unacceptable, as are the expressions "blind to reason" or "deaf to argument". Bill Morris, the general secretary of the TUC, is not noted for his enthusiasm for the code.

Universities: the Open University is abolishing firemen and waitresses. It does not like manhood, man-made and man-hours. Middlesex University, formerly Middlesex Polytechnic, is investigating the use of nouns such as shepherdess, stewardess and mistress. The "ess", apparently, reinforces a "wicked" stereotype.

Books: children's characters are a favourite target. The "three little pigs" are held to offend Muslim fundamentalists. Witches, goblins and magic spells are also becoming unacceptable. Ponies are too middle-class. Grassy lawns imply too much wealth.

The Politically Correct Phrasebook lists the following helpful PC alternatives:
Bald: follically challenged.
Fat: not so slim as one would like to be.
Housewife: homemaker.
Ugly: aesthetically challenged.
Prostitute: sex worker
Swapping sex partners: consensual non-monogamy.
Tramp: gentleperson of the road.

Properties stuck in a slow market

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A MONTH after *The Times* started following the progress of four properties put up for sale, none has come under offer. The agents say it is a reflection of the continuing sluggishness of the market as buyers wait to find the perfect house.

One of the four — a farmhouse in Weston, Nottinghamshire, price £225,000 — has not even attracted any viewings. A second — a five-bedroom detached house on the outskirts of Brighton — has been dropped from £209,000 to £199,950.

Geoffrey Ball, director of William H. Brown, is selling the 19th century Stone Road End Farmhouse, which has five bedrooms and three reception rooms and is set in three quarters of an acre. He said: "Many potential buyers in this sector of the market have simply held off making a move in the last three years. Interested parties have indicated that they are in no rush to buy, perhaps believing that prices have still to fall a little."

The vendor of Fiveways, the three reception room house in Brighton, cut the price to try to secure a buyer before Christmas because of interests abroad. Robert Harding, manager of the agents Fox & Sons, agreed with Mr Ball that a "wait and see" attitude has crept into the market. "Some buyers are waiting to see what the Budget brings, and others are putting off decisions until Christmas."

Mr Harding, who said there was a lack of similar quality property on the market, has had ten viewings. "Potential buyers realise that if the shortage continues, prices will rise as they are starting to do in some key categories."

The third property is The Old Stores at Walsham le Willows in Suffolk. The former store is double fronted, centrally placed and Grade II listed. It has four bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large living room, dining room, play room, kitchen and a well-established lawned garden.

The agent, Maldwyn Jones, area director of William H. Brown, valued the house at £120,000. "There has been one viewing to date, with a second viewing arranged," he said.

The Victorian house in Conduit Mews, London W2, is wider than average, with three bedrooms, a 33 ft double reception and garage for sale for £320,000.

Katy Gibbons, manager of Barnard Marcus's office, said there had been four viewings. "Hong Kong buyers are evident, attracted by low prices and good prospective yields. Another attraction is that mortgage payments are lower than rental costs."

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ADRIAN BROOKS

The scene from one of the bedrooms across the Thames, towards Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament

Hotel with 'best view in London'

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

WORK has begun on transforming County Hall on the South Bank in London, the former home of the Greater London Council.

Builders moved in last week and have already completed mock-ups of three bedrooms of the new 570-bedroom hotel, which will take up the top five storeys.

Three quarters of the bedrooms will look across the Thames to the Houses of Parliament, giving "the best views in London", according to Geoff Mann, architect from RHWL Partnership.

The hotel is only part of the development plans of the Japanese Shirayama Corporation, which paid about £60 million to beat off a bid by the London School of Economics. There will be a children's centre, a gallery, a basement health club, a swimming pool and a 24-hour restaurant.

The offices of Ken Livingstone, last leader of the council, on the first floor will become part of a business conference centre.

HOW MANY OBJECTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO FORCE A PUBLIC INQUIRY?

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70* individual objections (including 21 requesting a public inquiry)

A petition containing 210 signatures

1993

64,000 individual objectors to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution (including 58,000 requesting a public inquiry)

25,000 individuals to The Department of the Environment

159 petitions containing 28,000 signatures

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Iceland
Ireland
The Netherlands
Norway
Portugal
Spain
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Town & Country Planning Association
Cumbria Wildlife Trust
Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)
CND
CHARTER 88
Cumbrian's Opposed to a Radioactive Environment (CORE)
MEDACT
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace

124 Local Authorities including 4 statutory consultees

Members of Parliament representing all political parties:
Conservative
Labour
Liberal Democrats
Plaid Cymru
SNP
Ulster Unionist Party
SDLP

The following trade unions:
Fire Brigade Union
MSF
National Union of Mineworkers
Rail & Maritime Transport Association

* In 1983 Mister Justice Webster rightly forced the Government to hold a public inquiry because he could not see how "it would be possible reasonably to have decided that those with the right to make objections could have those objections properly taken into account without the holding of a public inquiry."

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Barons of bureaucracy must be put to the sword

■ Sir Peter Kemp, *a former permanent secretary at the Office of the Public Service and Science, believes the government must take a firm stand to conquer the civil service's bunker mentality if it is to deliver openness and accountability and give taxpayers value for money in public services*



The civil service is in crisis. In recent days we have heard of senior Home Office officials at odds with their secretary of state, market testing has yielded only a quarter of what was expected and led 240,000 people to strike, and an efficiency unit recommendation that senior positions should be advertised has been torpedoed.

It is not surprising that a spokesman for William Waldegrave, the civil service minister, had to admit last week that "there may be a problem with the communication of some policies within the service". This was a masterpiece of understatement.

The reason for all the trouble is that the civil service has embarked on a process of change, while those driving it have lost their nerve.

What is this change? It involves moving from 19th to 21st-century administration: from a unitary organisation to a loosely federal one; from emphasis on procedures to emphasis on output; from a command situation to partnerships; and from the traditional public-private split to something more complex. Above all, it is a move to define what the civil service is there for.

There are those who hold that it exists in its own right, regardless of what it is called on to do. That is the easy approach because it does not require hard thinking and is easy to deliver. The more difficult approach is to look precisely at every one of the thousands of jobs to be done, ask if they are needed and if so how they can best be done.

The Times Essay

Take service delivery. This is the biggest job and there is a huge variety of services: social security, tax collection, coastguards, prisons, company registration, defence support operations of all kinds, fisheries protection and much scientific research, for example. The state does them because nobody else can or will and because it needs to be involved.

They are working well on the whole. Agencies — independent units within the civil service run on the best private-sector lines with accountable chief executives and financial and non-financial targets — are delivering what is wanted.

However, the agency agenda needs to be completed and it is necessary to watch constantly for better ways of doing the job. The public sector has no monopoly on delivery of good public services. Thankfully, we have got away from the public-private distinction that so hindered debate and into a more flexible world involving contracted-out work, joint ventures, introduction of private capital, government-owned limited liability companies and private-sector companies with a regulator. The explosion in the civil service's size since 1900 came about because governments felt they had to do everything.

Policy work? This is not nearly so good. As service delivery has improved so policy work is deteriorating. The reason is clear: policy work has stayed firmly rooted in the 19th century and thoroughgoing change is needed, particularly at the top. Senior positions need to be clarified, job descriptions prepared, open advertisements introduced and appointments made openly with the help of parliamentary input. Top people should be shuffled regularly so that when ministers change there is a chance policies will change also. Other countries do; why not us?

A third leg needs to be developed, namely the translation of policy into action. Here there are many failures. It is the administrative equivalent of the British trait of having good ideas but not being able to make them fly. We need named individuals to head teams to translate ministerial decision into action. This has the advantage of forcing a minister to clarify his objectives and offers a better chance of proper delivery, thus avoiding, for instance, the unit fines fiasco. Publication of the names and remits of the individuals in charge would better clarify who was responsible when things went awry.

We also need to cut the size of the service. This would be as much the cause of improvement as the result. The service costs about £20 billion a year — about 10p of income tax. In some agencies there has been change, but it is still not clear that the pressure is on enough to ensure the efficiency gains the private sector would achieve in reduced manpower and thus reduce costs.

An efficiency unit report two years ago suggested a 25 per cent cut, but we are far short of that. Permanent secretaries must steel themselves to get rid of posts that are unnecessary or worse. Brutal quotas must be set and delivered.

This goes beyond the civil service. John Redwood recently spoke of it in relation to the health service in Wales. It is precisely the same point: as reform progresses and operations are delegated down the line on customer-contractor relationships (which is the right thing to do), it is no good keeping the old tiers and numbers of bureaucrats. Either you do it properly and get rid of people at the centre, or you do not do it at all. Bureaucrats feed on bureaucrats and they do not just cost money, they get in the way of better management. The best bureaucrat is one who is not there. More equals worse.

So what about the other elements that are much talked about — accountability and ethics, for instance? These are second-order questions, although academics love to put them up top. There is no problem with this, provided the vast array of civil service operations is recognised. Civil servants remain accountable to Parliament.

The recent white paper on openness was a disappointment in that it simply reinforced the top civil servants' obsession with secrecy. Openness is a two-way process: it should encourage debate up front, not just contribute to a better post-mortem. People should be encouraged to speak out, not penalised.

Now to market testing, contracting out and privatisation. No public official can possibly object in principle to these; nobody has a prescriptive right to the job. If someone else can do it better, then they should have it, especially when there are public service and public money at stake.



The spirit of the past lives on, with red tape "getting in the way of better management"

What is objected to is the way the system is being operated. The government should have made a better fist at winning the hearts and minds of the public and its workforce; more attention should have been paid to the rules of the game, accountability and confidentiality, and more guidance given to departments, agencies and aspiring private contractors. The results of the current approach is a miserable set of gains, an unnecessarily unhappy workforce and the risk of a lost opportunity.

To get things straight, the government needs to take a firm stand. Somebody has to take hold of what I have described as the wayward barons. A non-politician is needed, reporting directly to the prime minister with a clear remit to pull together not just the restructuring of the service, the citizen's charter, market testing and privatisation, but also other elements such as how top people are appointed. Such people exist, as we saw in Sir Ron Dearing tackled the educational field.

What is the vision for the future? A much smaller core civil service back nearer 50,000; ministers advised by independent advisers recruited openly and on contract; "production engineers" to translate policy into action; and services provided either by independent agencies within the Civil Service, or in other units with varying public and private components. Government would be smaller, ministers better advised, policy better translated into action, and services well delivered.

No royal commission is needed. What has to be done is plain. Here we come up against the bunker mentality which automatically rejects anything that does not come from inside.

Things are not going right, but it is not too late to put them straight. There is an important opportunity to be grasped if the government has the will to do so. We might get some hint of whether they have when Sir Robin Butler gives evidence to the Treasury and Civil Service Committee tomorrow.

Sir Peter Kemp's paper *Beyond Next Steps: a civil service for the 21st Century* was published by the Social Market Foundation

KEENE on CHESS



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GRANDMASTER Michael Adams, Britain's last remaining representative in the giant knockout tournament at Tilburg, in The Netherlands, was eliminated over the weekend after surprisingly losing two games to the unknown Russian player Morozevich. Among the 16 qualifiers for today's fourth round are Artur Yusupov (Russia), Alexei Shirov (Latvia) and Gata Kamsky (USA).

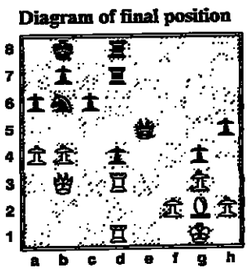
In his first game against Morozevich, Adams played enterprisingly, but Morozevich survived the sacrificial onslaught in the opening and eventually converted his extra pawn.

White: Michael Adams
Black: Morozevich
Tilburg, Round 3

Trompovsky Attack

1 d4	d5
2 Bg5	f6
3 Bf4	Nc6
4 Nf3	Bf5
5 c4	e5
6 cxd5	Nb4
7 e4	Bxe4
8 Qa4+	c6
9 dxe6	Bxb1
10 Rxb1	Qxd5
11 Be2	Qe4
12 0-0	Qxf4
13 Rbd1	Bc5
14 Qb3	Ne7
15 Bc4	bxe5
16 a3	Nbd5
17 Bxd5	0-0-0
18 g3	Qf6
19 Be4	g5
20 Qc3	Bd4
21 Nxd4	exd4
22 Qc5	Kb8
23 Rd2	h6
24 Rfd1	Rhf8
25 b4	Rd7
26 a4	Rfd8
27 Qc4	Nc8
28 Bg2	Qe5
29 Re2	Nb6
30 Qd3	Qd6
31 Qb3	Qf6
32 Red2	a6
33 Rd3	g4
34 Qa2	Qe5
35 Qb3	h5

Diagram of final position



36 Rc1	Nd5
37 b5	Nc3
38 Rdxc3	dxc3
39 bxc6	Rc7
40 Rb1	Qe2
41 Qxc3	Rd1+
42 Rxd1	Qxd1+
43 Bf1	Rxc6
44 Qe5+	Qd6
45 Qxh5	Qd4
46 h3	gxh3
47 Bxh3	Rc1+
48 Bf1	Qxa4
49 Qe5+	Ka8
50 Qe3	Rb1
51 Kg2	Qc6+
52 f3	a5
53 Qe5	Qb6
54 Be2	Ka7

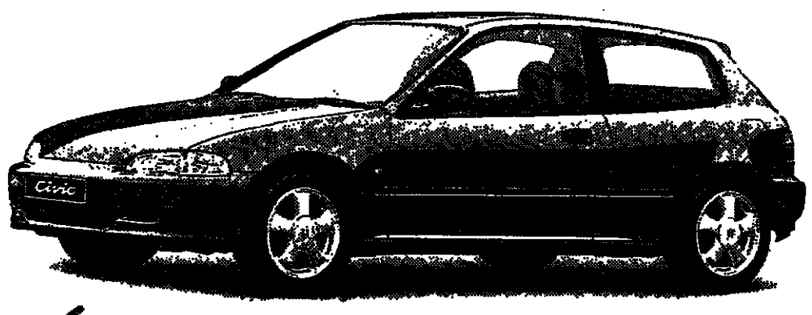
White resigns

PCA Qualifier

The Professional Chess Association has announced the line-up for its world championship qualifying tournament to be held at Groningen, The Netherlands, starting on December 19. Forty-five of the world's top chess players are participating, including Viswanthan Anand (India), Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), Gata Kamsky (USA), Michael Adams (England) and Judith Polgar (Hungary).

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Polls point to victory for Italian left in key cities

■ Local ballots are testing the credibility of the former ruling Christian Democrats and giving early warning of Italy's chances of staying intact after next year's election

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIANS voted yesterday in mayoral elections seen as a test of international credibility and a rehearsal for a spring general election to determine Italy's prospects for unified survival.

Opinion polls put left-wing parties ahead in decisive elections in Rome, Naples, Palermo, Genoa, Venice and Trieste. In the view of *La Repubblica* newspaper, "the great novelty could be the performance of the [neo-Fascist] Italian Social Movement," which is fielding Alessandra Mussolini, the grand-daughter of *Il Duce*, in Naples and Gianfranco Fini, the party secretary, in Rome.

The polls will also measure the chances of the Christian Democrat party in old power bases such as Palermo and indicate the ability of Umberto Bossi, leader of the devolutionist Lombardy League, to extend his influence from his Milanese headquarters to Liguria and the Veneto region.

By 11am yesterday, 12.1 per cent had cast ballots in local council elections, compared with 11.8 per cent in the last contest. Mayors are being elected directly for the first time in 428 towns. In Naples Signora Mussolini was expected to go to a second round against Antonio Bassolino, of the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS).

In Rome the Roman Catholic Church and the chief rabbi have urged citizens to stop Signor Fini, a psychologist, from becoming mayor and betraying the memory of thousands of Romans killed in Nazi-Fascist massacres and death camps during the second world war. The favourite to defeat him in the second round is Francesco Rutelli, an ecologist and former environment minister who is sponsored by the PDS. Voters in the capital face a plethora of candidates, including Vittorio Ripa di Meana, the brother of the former European commissioner, and Moana Pozzi, the pornographic actress standing for the Party of Love.



Pozzi: Rome candidate for the Party of Love

In Palermo supporters of Leoluca Orlando, the leader of the anti-Mafia party La Rete (Network), hoped he would win outright on his programme of open government against Elda Pucci, another former Christian Democrat mayor, severing the traditional control of the Mafia.

According to the *Corriere della Sera* of Milan, Signor Bossi "intends to show that the league is unstoppable" and that Genoa or Venice could provide a port for the "provisional government" he has threatened to form.



A member of the Great White Brotherhood doomsday cult, with a portrait of Maria Tsvygun, its imprisoned leader, being arrested by Ukrainian police in Kiev yesterday. The sect has revised its earlier predictions about the timing of the end of the world, with Wednesday now the preferred option

Moscow drivers skid into the spirit of winter

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

THE portly figure of a traffic policeman, made still bulkier by his special-issue thermal underwear and woollen coat, waddled into the middle of the road waggling his black and white baton and sensing victory.

"Have you been drinking?" he asked. "Certainly not," we chorused in the required tone of outraged innocence. "It's winter," he said triumphantly. "Everyone drinks in the winter."

Britons traditionally listen out for the first cuckoo of spring. Russians prepare themselves with less enthusiasm for the sight of the first traffic policeman of winter. No sooner has the first fall of snow been transformed into grey mush on the Moscow roads than the infamous *gaishniki* forsake their summer existence of lurking idly at the side of the road and move into action with demonic energy to collect their seasonal bonus bribes. Still, the officer had his reasons to be suspicious.

The old wisdom goes that when God gave Russia such a dreadful winter, he gave it vodka as a compensation and whatever other savings hard-pressed Muscovites are forced to make, the queues of customers outside the kiosks selling Stolichnaya and Moskovskaya lengthen suddenly when November bites.

Winter in Russia is not just a season but a lifestyle. The first motoring excursion of the day entails lengthy preparation in which the locks are unfrozen with cigarette lighters and a bucket of hot water is thrown over the bonnet to reactivate the anti-freeze windscreen fluid, frozen solid overnight.

Fur hats — mink for the wealthy, cat and rabbit for the rest — transform a wide variety of heads into identical appearances, matrons forsake the beloved click-clack of high heels for Soviet-era grey boots with white rubber soles which look ghastly but allow them to scour street-markets without losing their toes to frostbite.

In Russia's northern cities, winter is a time of near hibernation. "What are the sights worth seeing in Murmansk?" I asked my neighbour on the flight. "In November?" he asked aghast. "You'd be mad to go out. We go to work, to the shops and then home." True to his prognosis, the entire city closed at 6pm.

Hardier souls choose to embrace the climate rather than hiding from it. The outdoor swimming pool in Moscow works all year round and the most dauntless visitors are the *babushki* who insist that the combination of -12C around the head and barely heated water around the body is *udobno* — good for you. Skis and skates are hauled out of cupboards and the capital's youth indulge in the perilous dare of seeing who can be first to walk across Patriarch's Ponds when the ice forms.

Last week when the snow fell, the authorities were, as usual, unprepared and the Volgas and Ladas slithered across the vast boulevards like demented figure-skaters. But the white covering does improve the look of the battered old city: potholes disappear, the colourful domes of the Kremlin are trimmed with sparkling rime, and the red stars, soon to be sacrificed to the current wave of anti-revolutionary political correctness, twinkle coldly against the navy-blue sky.

Dacha parties flourish as the windy sleet of October turns to the crisp, dry cold of winter proper. Guests are rewarded for braving the twin nightmares of the roads and the traffic police with offerings of cranberry, pepper and clear vodka and fortified with blinis, sour cream and caviar before taking to the woods for walks and the fireside for a long round of eating and conversation.

"The nicest thing about a dacha party that it is a totally timeless event," says the writer Viktor Labyshev, whose gatherings are famous. "At Western parties I have never been sure when it was time to go home to be polite."

"Winter, winter," goes the old nursery rhyme, "tickle us with your icy fingers : make us laugh." There is nothing to rival the child-like excitement brought by the first flurry of Russian snowflakes, unless you count the blessed relief of the first sunny day six months later.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cypriots march on British army base

Dhekelia: More than 3,000 Greek Cypriots marched to the British military base here yesterday to protest against "colonialism" in Cyprus and Britain's "unacceptable" foreign policy towards the divided island. They also called for the withdrawal from northern Cyprus of 35,000 Turkish troops.

Dimitris Christofias, leader of the powerful Communist party, told marchers waving Greek, Cypriot and red communist flags: "The existence of the bases amputates the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus."

A British spokesman said: "We're baffled that we are being linked with the Turks because Britain and the bases are the staunchest supporters of the rightful government. We cannot accept that the bases are linked with the unlawful regime in the north."

Lagos accord

Lagos: Negotiators for Nigeria's new military government and the main trade union federation reached agreement to end a week-old general strike over increases in domestic fuel prices. *(Reuter)*

Election attack

Delhi: A Congress party member was shot dead and at least six people were injured as rival party activists clashed in Uttar Pradesh, where millions voted in the legislature elections. *(AFP)*

Judge killed

Algiers: Three Muslim militants armed with sawn-off hunting rifles killed a judge in the coastal town of Tenes, the justice ministry reported. He was the fourth judge killed in Algeria in six months. *(Reuter)*

Cutting remark

Bangkok: Three senior Thai police officers were ordered to shave off their moustaches by General Prathin Santiprapob, the acting police chief, on a provincial tour of inspection, papers said. *(Reuter)*

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School-children in Barbados all wear the smartest of uniforms, somehow reflecting the pride — and the conservativism — of the quarter of a million inhabitants of an island where religion, cricket and the family are at the heart of the way of life.

The capital, Bridgetown, is dominated by Trafalgar Square and a statue of Nelson while the local government is divided into parishes, each with its own English-style church as well as some typically West Indian ones. Barbados is proud both of its British past and of its own modern, independent culture. Compared with some parts of the Caribbean, crime is not a major problem and drug use is being contained.

The island has virtual year-round sunshine and a near constant daytime temperature in the 80s. Although it may appear flat from the air, there are in fact spectacular views to be seen from the hills in the interior where old sugar plantation houses still retain their grandeur and provide molasses for the highly successful rum industry.

Cruise ships are increasingly making Barbados a port of call with the number of visitors disembarking from the liners exceeding the number staying in hotels this year. More than 70,000 British tourists made the island their destination, however, in the first ten months of the year and hopes are high on the island that by the end of the year the record number of 118,000 who came in the boom year of 1989 will have been exceeded.

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Aid for Bosnia threatened as operation 'Santa' starts

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

AMERICAN, French and German transport planes will dump thousands of teddy bears and toys as well as warm clothing on the snow-clogged villages of central Bosnia today in an operation called "Provide Santa".

The operation — the first of many such toy drops planned to supplement the regular drop of food and medicine — comes at a critical time in the debate about United Nations aid to former Yugoslavia. European foreign ministers meet in Luxembourg today to discuss a Franco-German initiative that focuses on military-backed winter assistance to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Britain and the United States are sceptical about greater military commitment and there are even doubts about the wisdom of continuing large-scale aid operations.

Lord Owen, the European Union mediator in former Yugoslavia, said last week: "Let us not forget we are feeding the warriors, we are interfering with the dynamics of war. This is becoming more and more unjustified as it becomes a battle for smaller elements of territory, smaller elements of principle. There will come a moment when the world community will have to decide how long we can sustain intervention."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, has plainly been thinking on similar lines. The military presence in Bosnia is explicitly linked to the humanitarian mission. If aid cannot be delivered safely, if it is being looted by the warring militias, if the distribution of aid itself is a source of conflict, then the European Community should perhaps reconsider its policies.

That is one line of thinking: a more narrow definition of aid to Bosnia (just urgent medical supplies, for example) would enable Britain and other nations to scale down their military presence. The Germans, with no troops on the ground, disagree and this simmering conflict is likely to resurface at the Anglo-German summit in Bonn on Thursday.

Yet the misery on the ground is deepening by the day. Despite an agreement struck by the three warring parties on Thursday in Geneva, aid convoys were still being hindered at the weekend. Bill Aikman, for the UN, said that Bosnian Serbs were blocking aid to the Muslim-controlled towns of Zepa and Gorazde in east Bosnia, while Croatian units were stopping supplies of food and medicine to central Bosnia.

Sarajevo: Relief agencies in Bosnia are angry about the lack of co-operation from UN troops charged with their protection. A senior official from the UN High Commissioner for Refugees described a "total breakdown" of relations. He said: "The Unprofor general in Sarajevo has flatly refused to give us protection." Recently a convoy for Gorazde was called off so its French escorts could join a medal parade here.

Allied planes have now flown more than 28,000 tonnes of food and medicine to the Bosnian capital, and have airdropped more than 11,000 tonnes to 13 other cities. The operation was started in February and has thus gone on longer than the Berlin airlift.

The difference is that the Berlin airlift at least delivered the goods with a degree of certainty. The airdrops in Bosnia are notoriously vulnerable to changing wind currents and battle lines. A report drawn up for the Cap Anamur charity says that a great deal of aid is now being stolen en route.

The report also describes the scramble for gas in Sarajevo. Since 40 per cent of the inhabitants are not connected to gas supplies, locals have been drilling holes in the main gas pipelines, attaching garden hoses and using old water taps to switch the low-pressure gas on and off in their homes. This improvised supply, says the report, could be as dangerous as the Serbian bombardment.

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A British soldier braving the cold on guard duty at the Royal Engineers base in Tomislavgrad, 90 miles northwest of Sarajevo, where the temperature fell to -10C

Macedonia air crash kills 115 on board

FROM JAMES PETTIFER IN SKOPJE

ONE hundred and fifteen people were killed when their plane ploughed into snow-covered mountains and burst into flames near Ohrid in southern Macedonia at the weekend, leaving only one survivor.

At midday yesterday, rescue vehicles had still not been able to reach the crash site on an inaccessible mountainside 3,000ft above sea level and a United Nations protection force helicopter was unable to take off because of bad weather.

UN peacekeepers in the region joined police and troops in the rescue operation. Villagers from nearby Borovnik, about nine miles north of Ohrid, rushed to the scene.

They were unable to approach the wreckage which was engulfed in flames, but saw the bodies of several people thought to have been flung out on impact.

The survivor, a young man in his twenties, was said to be stable after emergency surgery at Ohrid hospital.

Spring offers last chance for Balkans peace



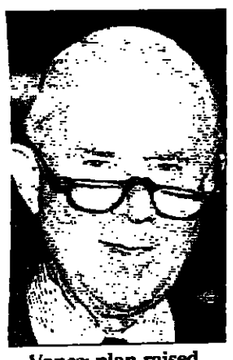
Will the West get it right over the Balkans the second time round this century? ***Lawrence Freedman*** *assesses the prospects*

The lessons of Sarajevo drawn after 1918 were about the dangers of great powers tying their destinies too much to the behaviour of Balkan hotheads and then denying conciliatory diplomacy its chance of slavishly following the logic of military mobilisation.

Opposite lessons might be drawn from Sarajevo this time round: of great powers so anxious to stay clear of the Balkans that they did not engage until too late, and then, so determined to avoid substantial military mobilisation, that they denied diplomacy any serious back-up.

The "what is to be done" debate has been exhausted. The moral clarity with which the conflict could once be viewed has now been eroded while the course and character of the battles on the ground has left the reconstruction of the old Bosnia a hopeless prospect.

A renewed Serb offensive against Sarajevo in the spring could revive the question of air strikes and a flare-up in one or more of the other former Yugoslav republics would pose yet more challenges. Nonetheless, in all calculations as to what might be done if the conflict widens either horizontally or vertically, the critical fact remains that President Clinton is opposed to the insertion of ground forces in a combat role, and no others are strong enough to rush in.



Vance: plan raised hope of agreement

Yet indifference is not an option. So long as the war continues the delicate equilibrium within the former Yugoslavia which sustains uneasy truces in Croatia and Kosovo is strained. Without a settlement there can be no relaxation of sanctions against Serbia, where the economy has collapsed and tempers are frayed. Within Bosnia there is fragmentation, with all three parties divided.

So bleak are conditions, with winter starting to bite and people altogether weaker than they were a year ago, the main international preoccupation is quite rightly to get assistance to people as soon as possible. As many as four million people are at risk from cold and hunger, as well as the actual fighting.

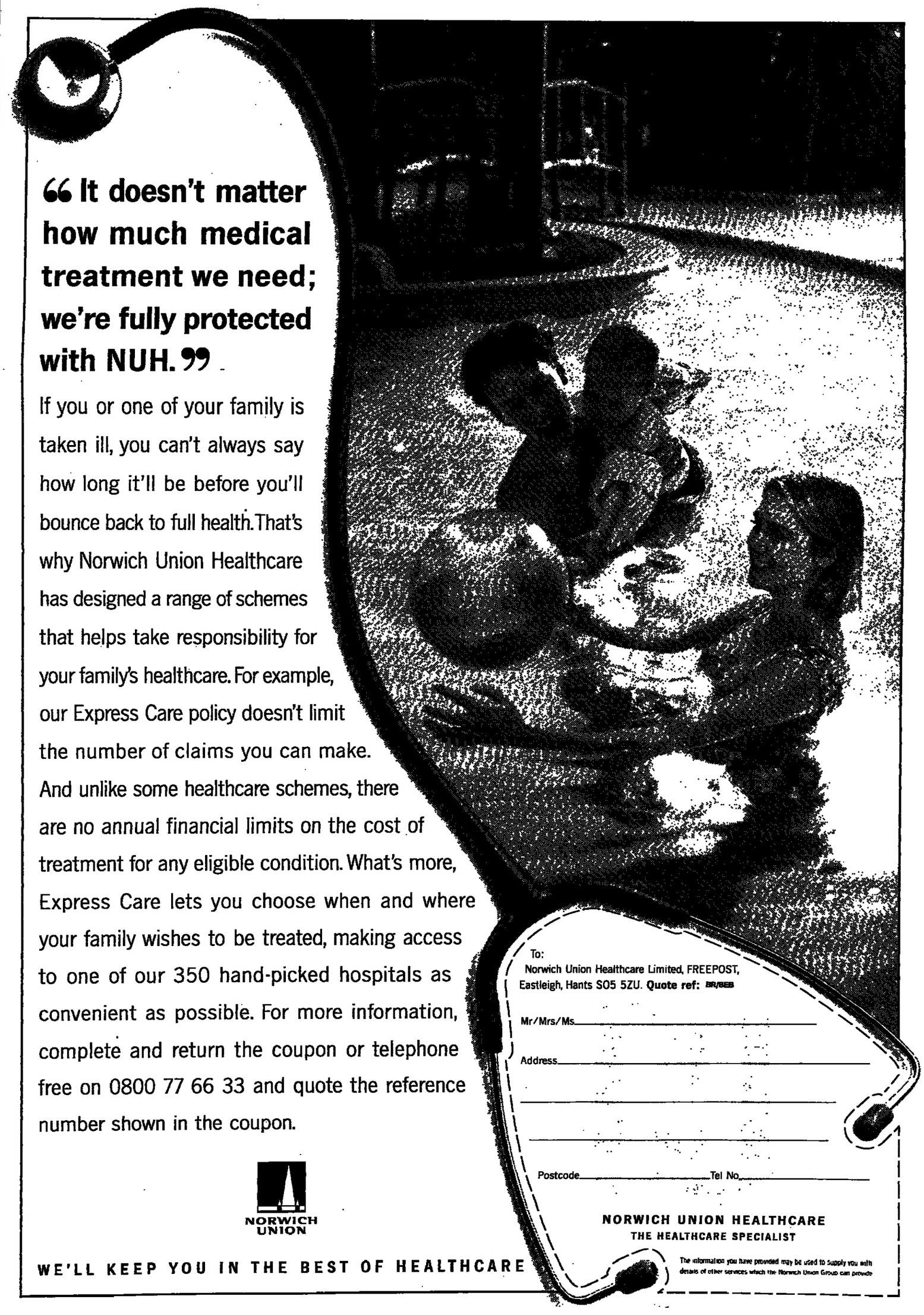
Even assuming that the agreement last Thursday is respected by local commanders (and that prospect already looks unlikely), the humanitarian task in the weeks ahead is enormous. Fighting can be expected to continue around it, especially between Muslim and Croat forces. The Muslims may have the upper hand, so long as there is no intervention on a substantial scale by the Croatian state next door. If they are successful, some Muslims may even harbour hopes of retrieving land lost to Serbs.

Are there any lessons from the past two years which might help produce a settlement? One lesson is that the few and far between instances when a settlement becomes possible are largely shaped by the pattern of events on the ground as much by the rhythm of international activity. There have been such moments — in November 1991, for example, when the Bosnian government asked for the introduction of peacekeeping forces as an act of preventive diplomacy, or possibly at the start of this year when the Vance-Owen plan had some hopes of success. For a variety of reasons, from domestic politics in key states to other foreign policy distractions, they were missed.

A regular problem has been a lack of preparedness by those who would have to ensure implementation. Given the degree of dislocation within Bosnia it is unrealistic to expect any settlement being implemented without substantial outside contributions, with administrators and engineers as much as peacekeeping forces.

If an implementation force was ready, with contributions from participating states earmarked and at least tentative ideas for their employment, the seriousness of the international community might be demonstrated, a more just outcome encouraged, and another chance not lost while scrambling around to persuade countries to firm up vague offers. Too many plans have petered out because good intentions were proclaimed before there were serious plans to turn them into reality.

At some point the combatants will be both fatigued and aware that they have reached an impasse on the ground and can expect no surge of external support. Such a moment may come soon: it may not come until next spring. When it does the United Nations and the European Union must be ready to act.



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JFK cult proclaims American denial of president's death



Kennedy: accurate assessment in doubt

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

FOR 30 years to the day America has been "in denial", that most fashionable of modern hang-ups, over the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

One symptom of this national refusal to come to terms with the most traumatic episode in America's history is the billowing, burgeoning JFK cult. His reputation hallowed and obscured by three decades of more or less hagiographic mourning, Kennedy's place in history may never be accurately assessed.

Nobody in America can be unaware that Kennedy was killed 30 years ago today. Over the past week every newspaper and magazine in the country has run lengthy accounts of the assassination. President Clinton has posed for Kennedyesque photo-portraits, while vigils and nostalgic tributes are under way throughout the country.

In Dallas, the Texas School Book Depository, from where the president was shot, has become a tourist attraction drawing 1.5 million people each year. The annual symposium on the assassination will take place today as the country mulls over, once more, the events of November 22, 1963. Kennedy's death has become, perversely, a celebration.

As a memento, the New York *Daily News* yesterday reproduced the original newspaper announcing the tragedy. "Kennedy Assassinated", screamed the front page, "Johnson Sworn as President; Leftist jailed as slayer". *The New York Times* offered yet another view of Kennedy's 1,000 days in office: "From Man to Martyr to Myth", while every television station has scheduled at least one retrospective on the president's untimely murder.

Equally telling is the wealth of conspiracy literature than still spirals out of that event. More than 2,000 books have been written: coffee-table tomes showing the death frame by grainy frame; academic works full of ballistics jargon. The conspiracies continue to churn out of control. Lyndon Johnson was the mastermind, according to one "eyewitness" account, whose eyes could do with testing since she also spotted a fluffy white dog sitting in the presidential car. The president was shot with a tranquilliser dart from a modified umbrella, according to another writer.

The words "grassy knoll" have become short-hand for conspiracists' paranoia: "He's gone grassy knoll" is one of the most cutting remarks in the academic vocabulary.

But these, and other less extreme theories, are not simply the ramblings of amateur revisionists for they clearly fulfil a need. The only books that sell better than those about the Kennedy assassination are those about the Kennedys still living.

The conspiracy volumes in all their arcane and minute detail are doubtless read little, but they sit on shelves like copies of the New Testament. Oliver Stone's film *JFK* offered multiple conspiracies, a tagliatelle of guilt including the CIA, Cuba and homosexuals, and no conclusion save the one which continues to offer comfort to bereaved America: namely, that there must be more to this than meets the eye.

According to a poll released yesterday, more than eight out of ten Americans do not believe the Warren Commission's conclusion that the assassination was the sole work of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was murdered by Jack Ruby, again acting alone. Disbelieving the most logical explanation has become an article of faith: faith in America, and in JFK.

Even Mr Clinton and Al Gore, the vice-president, have said they doubt the official version. In yesterday's *New York Times*, Geoffrey Ward, the historian, writes: "The country had been traumatised by the assassination, then robbed of the emotional catharsis the accused assassin's trial would have provided. Such profoundly unsettling events demanded a more sweeping explanation."

When Gerald Posner published *Case Closed* earlier this year, a book that claimed that the Warren Commission was right after all, it was reviewed sparingly, almost grudgingly, by the literary press and largely ignored by television and the tabloids.

Paris defiant as Clinton warns EC on Gatt accord

■ Fresh from his twin triumphs on the North American and East Asian deals, the president is demanding that the Europeans fall into line on global free trade

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN SEATTLE AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

AMERICAN and European Community negotiators meet in Washington today for talks aimed at breaking the farm subsidies dispute jeopardising a global trade liberalisation deal that would pump hundreds of billions of dollars into the world economy. Over the weekend the Americans increased the pressure on Brussels to back down.

In Seattle President Clinton completed an unprecedented summit of 15 Pacific Rim nations, accounting for half the world's economic output, that took the first tentative steps towards creating a regional trading community with east Asia's supercharged economies.

In Washington the Senate joined the House of Representatives in ratifying by 61 votes to 38 the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), which will create the world's largest free trade zone with Mexico and Canada.

In Brussels last night, Sir Leon Brittan, the EC trade commissioner, was finalising a strategy that would accuse America of putting the entire Gatt trade deal at risk by holding back its own compromise offers.

FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Although more than 100 states are hoping to sign the most ambitious trade treaty ever attempted, the chances of success or failure on December 15 still depend on deals struck between the EC and America, the world's two largest trading blocs. For much of the seven-year negotiation, Europe has found itself on the defensive over farm subsidies but the balance has recently shifted in Brussels' favour. Neither America nor Japan has tabled full lists of tariffs they would cut to match an extensive conditional offer made by the EC.

The deadline for completing the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) is just 23 days away, and the implicit threat to Europe of those developments is that America will turn southwards and westwards for its trade if the round collapses.

Mr Clinton, increasingly passionate about free trade, said the Seattle summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation forum agreed "that the Asia-Pacific region should be a united not divided one — that our economic policies should be open, not closed". The summit's message to the Europeans was that "we want them to be part of an open economy too. We don't want an exclusive trading bloc. We want them to join us in a new world trading system. We want your help, let's do it."

The American-EC dispute centres on French demands for a renegotiation of last year's Blair House agreement limiting agricultural subsidies, but foreign and trade ministers in Seattle unanimously opposed any attempt to dilute that deal and the administration insists that the Europeans must back off.

In Paris yesterday President Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, put political differences aside to proclaim the French government's resolve to reject a world trade pact if Washington denies the concessions that they are seeking.

The "cohabiting" leaders laid down their tough opening move in what amounts to the end-game of the Gatt round after being stung by what they saw as a peremptory attitude from Mr Clinton. An annoyed M Mitterrand reached for his Latin, saying Mr Clinton should know better than "to conduct diplomacy on the theme of *quoniam nominor leo*," (It is because I am named the lion), which translates roughly as "Don't push me around".

"The offensive is American," M Mitterrand said repeatedly at a press conference. "Both in cultural and agricultural matters, I think we are in a position of legitimate self-defence."



President Clinton with, left to right, James Bolger, the New Zealand prime minister, Jean Chrétian, of Canada, President Jiang Zemin of China, Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, and Hamish Macleod, Hong Kong's financial secretary, leaving for their Blake island excursion from Seattle

Bonding buddies wander off for historic walk in woods

BY MARTIN FLETCHER

PRESIDENT Clinton arrived at the dock shortly after dawn in a brown leather bomber jacket and lumberjack shirt to welcome aboard 13 other Asian and Pacific leaders.

Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister, was in a loud patterned cardigan. Morihiro Hosokawa, his Japanese counterpart, had a brown aviator's scarf thrown over his shoulder. President Ramos of the Philippines twirled a cigar in his black leather gloves, the Sultan of Brunei was dressed to kill, and President Jiang Zemin of China wore no tie; he kept lifting his hand to hide his bare neck.

This incongruous group attending the first Pacific Rim summit were on their way to a day-long male bonding session in a reconstructed Indian longhouse on Blake island, in Seattle's Puget Sound. They sat in a circle and at Mr Clinton's bidding each spelt out their vision of the region's economic future. To begin with, some of the Asian leaders, deprived of their aides and with no set speech to deliver, were completely thrown by the informality.

Later Mr Clinton adopted the role of a ramblers' guide, leading his guests along a wooded path to a scenic headland. There they shivered in the cold as they provided the backdrop for his press conference.

This had been a truly historic summit, he declared. It had begun the process of turning the Pacific Rim nations into an economic community of "shared interests, shared goals and shared commitment to mutually beneficial co-operation". In future years, he suggested, this summit might be seen as an event as seminal as the formation of Nato or of the International Monetary Fund.

In reality the summit was high on rhetoric and symbolism, but low on substance and specifics. The leaders issued a "vision statement", not a communiqué. They agreed to meet again next year in Indonesia. Their foreign and trade ministers agreed to form a permanent committee of the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation forum to explore ways of promoting trade and investment, but even White House officials admitted that "the meeting is the message". President Ramos joked that he alone was leaving "with something really big", referring to the new 747 he collected from Boeing's giant Seattle factory. Mr Hosokawa failed to announce that Japan would ease restrictions on imports of US rice, as the administration had hoped. Mr Clinton and Jean Chrétien, Canada's new prime minister, failed to resolve differences over the North American Free Trade Agreement. Most conspicuously of all, in the first top-level Sino-American meeting since the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, Mr Jiang firmly rebuffed Mr Clinton's demands that Peking improve its human rights record.

At times the Apec summit seemed primarily designed as a warning to Europe, the veiled threat being that of a powerful new Pacific trading alliance if the European Community did not rapidly make the concessions required to complete the Uruguay round of global free-trade talks.

Even more ominously for Europe, this unprecedented summit demonstrated the extent to which Mr Clinton is now making the promotion of trade, not international security, the top priority of US diplomacy. His single overriding mission is to revive the American economy, and if that requires a radical shift in US attention from stagnant Europe to booming Asia, so be it.

Summit casts pall over Hong Kong

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE intransigence of Chinese negotiators at the Pacific Rim conference in Seattle has emphasised yet again the uphill struggle faced by Britain in trying to win concessions from Peking over democratic reform in Hong Kong.

Although President Clinton raised fundamental issues with President Jiang Zemin, ranging from Tibet, through arms proliferation, to the names of particular political prisoners, all he received from the Chinese leader was a 15-minute lecture on Chinese sovereignty and other realities as seen from Peking.

Mr Jiang also told a large crowd of Boeing workers, dreading unemployment, that China's continued purchase of their planes could be threatened by "negative factors and artificially imposed obstacles" — that is, badgering by Mr Clinton.

In a press conference after the two presidents met, Qian Qichen, the Chinese foreign minister, waved aside Mr Clinton's human rights and other appeals. Wu Yi, the minister of foreign trade and and economic co-operation, said: "I have always told the Americans the Chinese race has never been afraid of pressure." While this has not always been true since the slow demise of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping, 89, no Chinese leader hoping to guide China into the next century can afford to look wobbly on foreign affairs. Not bowing to the Americans is a "blood and bone issue".

So is being tough with the British on Hong Kong. There had been some hopes in Whitehall that Peking might be willing to make concessions during the 16th round of negotiations over the political future of the colony. However the talks, which ended on Saturday, were disappointing.

It is conceded here that after the recent cabinet-level meeting on Hong Kong in London the British gave the impression to Peking that they were softening their previous stance. Hong Kong's left-wing papers were especially encouraged by the statement by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that there would be as many more negotiating sessions "as it takes". In the session over the weekend, however, the Chinese offered no compromises on the so-called easy issues, and Mr Patten may act unilaterally at the end of next month.

Pregnant woman wins £1.8m

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A WOMAN sacked after she became pregnant has been awarded $2.7 million (£1.8 million) by a California court, the largest damages won in a case involving pregnancy discrimination.

Lana Ambruster, 28, an insurance claims adjuster for the California Casualty Insurance company in San Jose, claimed her boss had warned her she would be fired if she became pregnant. She was dismissed less than two months after telling Michael Cross she was expecting a child.

The company claimed she had been dismissed on the grounds of poor job performance, but witnesses testified that Mr Cross threatened to fire anyone in the company who became pregnant, because the company did not want to pay maternity leave.

"This will show employers they're not going to be able to treat people in this manner," Ms Ambruster said.

Senators save face and pass guns bill

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE United States Senate finally passed the Brady bill on Saturday, allowing the imposition of a five-day waiting period on the purchase of handguns.

Under the bill, prospective buyers will have to wait while police check their backgrounds for any criminal record or mental instability. A national computer network will be created to check records instantly so that the waiting period can be phased out.

The measure was approved by 63 votes to 36 a day after it had apparently fallen victim to a filibuster by Republican senators under pressure from the National Rifle Association. The Republicans caved in as a result of the growing public anger over street crime. They settled for a face-saving compromise under which the waiting period would lapse after four years, rather than five, by which time the computer network should be operating.

Their change of heart was praised by President Clinton, who is determined to focus more attention on surging crime and violence. Senators had already approved a $22 billion (£14.7 billion) anti-crime bill that includes putting 100,000 extra police on the streets, bans the manufacture and sale of 19 semi-automatic assault weapons, prohibits gun sales to children and authorises the building of 27 prisons. But the bill must still clear obstacles in the House of Representatives.

The Brady bill, however, has passed in the House. The bill is named after Jim Brady, the former White House press secretary who was crippled by a shot in the head during the 1981 assassination attempt on President Reagan. Mr Brady and his wife, Sarah, have campaigned for the bill for ten years. Before it becomes law, its terms must be agreed by a joint committee of the House and Senate. That could come this week before Congress adjourns until late January.

Cairo talks break deadlock on Palestinian police force

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation appear to have resolved one of the toughest issues on their negotiating agenda, after it emerged that the two sides have agreed on the size and disposition of a future Palestinian police force.

Moshe Shahal, the Israeli police minister, who returned from talks with PLO security officials in Cairo last week, said over the weekend that Israel was prepared to accept a paramilitary force made up of 15,000 officers. The Palestinians orginally wanted a force twice that size.

Mr Shahal said the figure would be acceptable to Israel, and that the Jewish state would have no objections to the Palestinians being equipped with armoured personnel carriers, light arms and automatic weapons, similar to the equipment used by Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories.

About two-thirds of the policemen will be drawn from the Palestine Liberation Army, whose troops have been undergoing law enforcement training for the past three months. In theory, the first 7,000 to 9,000 Palestinian policemen should be ready for deployment this week, but none is expected to arrive in the occupied territories until Israel and the PLO conclude their negotiations, due by December 13. However, militant Jewish settlers vowed to resist the Palestinian police authority, and the PLO delivered a warning that many other thorny issues remained to be resolved.



Rabin: seeking secret talks with Damascus

While the negotiations with the Palestinians appear finally to be making some progress, it became clear yesterday that Israel's stalled peace talks with Syria have now become the focus of Israeli diplomatic activity. On his return from America, Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, reiterated that he wanted to open secret talks with Damascus to break the present deadlock.

"I expect from the Syrians negotiations to the point, including quiet channels," said Mr Rabin, who hopes that Syria's continued objections will be overcome when Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, embarks on a shuttle diplomacy mission at the beginning of next month.

UN to send armed force to Kuwait

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE potential for renewed violence between Iraq and the United Nations emerged yesterday with the announcement that Bangladeshi troops with a licence to shoot are to besent in as "blue berets" to protect the disputed border between Kuwait and Iraq, the site of a number of recent Iraqi provocations.

The latest incident, condemned by the United Sttes, took place on Saturday when 600 Iraqis, chanting and waving portraits of President Saddam Hussein, stormed into Kuwait to try to disupt the completion of a security trench protecting the emiate. Washington said the move showed that Baghdad was questioning the legitimacy of the UN-guaranteed boundary.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi deuty prime minister, will meet Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, in New York today to plead forthe lifting of the UN oil embargo against Baghdad.

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Architects of apartheid resort to the politics of survival

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN JOHANNESBURG

■ Although Nationalists are garnering some support from non-white South Africans, voters are unlikely to forgive the party for its ruthless postwar cruelties

EVEN as Nelson Mandela shook hands with President de Klerk at the conclusion of the constitutional talks, he was declaring that the African National Congress would "bury" the National Party. Mr De Klerk, on the other hand, insists that his party could yet assemble a majority of the country's multiracial electorate.

The odds are in Mr Mandela's favour: there is, indeed, a serious possibility that the Nationalists may not hold together through the election campaign. Many of its MPs have been quietly preparing to resume careers outside politics while others anxiously jostle for winnable positions on the party list, aware that if recent polls are right, the party's support may be down to 10 to 12 per cent. On this showing, probably only around a quarter of the party's sitting MPs can hope for re-election.

The party must try to market itself as a genuinely multiracial party, which means that winnable list places must be found for at least a smattering of blacks, Indians and Coloureds, further reducing the places available to sitting white MPs.

Many within the party have strong misgivings about the constitutional deal. In last year's whites-only referendum, Mr de Klerk promised that he would not settle for less than an entrenched system of power-sharing in a fully federal state.

But he has settled for a promise of power-sharing for five years in a state which, while it allows some latitude to regional government, is by no means federal. Moreover, the whole deal could be unpicked by the ANC if it gets 60 per cent of the vote in the elections.

It is hardly surprising that some Nationalist MPs feel more in tune with the furious criticisms of the deal emanating from Chief Buthelezi, the white right and other conservatives. Such MPs are deeply uncomfortable at finding themselves ranged on the same side as the Communist party against such "natural allies" and it will be surprising if this issue does not produce some breakaways.

Allegations that Nationalist negotiators such as Roelf Meyer have in effect capitulated to ANC demands to guarantee themselves seats in a post-election cabinet have enough plausibility to trouble any party member or supporter who feels insecure. There is also the small matter of the Nationalist faithful.

The party is making large efforts to welcome non-whites into its ranks and the polls do indeed show that majorities of both Indian and Coloured voters, and a useful fringe of blacks, feel tempted in this direction. However, many previously loyal party voters are feeling the same doubts as their backbench MPs and there is a signal lack of enthusiasm.

Inevitably, the small appetite of white, and especially Afrikaner voters, is felt most keenly by Nationalist MPs. These are their hard-core voters and no amount of non-white newcomers will really make up for the defection to the right of *die volk*.

The party also has a number of trump cards. Mr de Klerk is an almost universally respected leader and exudes reassuringly calm authority. This melds easily with the Nationalists' claims to be the party of law and order and continuity in administration. This, ultimately, is what attracts Coloureds and Indians. As minorities they want a strong, competent protector against the more unruly manifestations of African nationalism.

So, despite all its problems, the party will probably pull itself together. But bold talk of electoral victory should be discounted. Next year will be the year of liberation, of an *uhuru* election. The country will be delivering a verdict on nearly a half-century of Afrikaner rule and the cruel follies of apartheid it brought. Mr De Klerk would doubtless like to run on what has been achieved since 1990 but the party will not be quickly or easily forgiven for all it did in the years before.



General Jan Smuts leaving London at the end of a visit in 1934. His electoral defeat as prime minister of South Africa in 1948 ushered in the Nationalist era of grand apartheid and repression

Ministers clash openly over ANC 'sell-out'

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN CAPE TOWN

A CONTROVERSY has broken out between a hardline "securocrat" cabinet minister and the South African government's chief negotiator over an alleged sell-out to the African National Congress. The dispute, which began last week during negotiations over the country's police force, is a foretaste of what is expected to be a turbulent session of the National Party's parliamentary caucus this morning.

MPs return to Cape Town today to begin the "sunset session" of the apartheid parliament. In the course of it they are expected to rubber-stamp the agreements achieved last week between the 21 organisations in the multi-party constitutional talks outside Johannesburg. In doing so they will vote in a new non-racial constitution, vote themselves out of power, and most of them out of jobs.

Hernus Kriel, the powerful law and order minister, who has long been on the right of the party, boycotted the closing session of the multi-party negotiations last week after what the South African *Sunday Times* called "a blazing row" with Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister. Mr Kriel stormed out of the World Trade Centre in Kempton Park, where the talks were held, and did not return either when the police proposal came before the negotiating council or when the package was endorsed by President de Klerk and the other leaders on Wednesday.



Meyer: attacked by senior ministers

Mr Kriel was demanding that the new police force should consist of a central organisation with independent regional forces, whose commissioners would be appointed by the provincial governments, with central government approval. The ANC wanted a single central force.

A compromise was agreed, and referred to Mr Meyer and Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary-general who led their team of negotiators. Under this, the regional commissioners would be appointed centrally, albeit with provincial government approval. It was reported that Mr Ramaphosa turned to Mr Kriel at this point, stuck out his hand and said: "So we have a deal?"

Mr Kriel, ignoring his hand, said: "There is no deal. I am taking it to cabinet."

Later he was reportedly overheard criticising General Andries Pruis, the senior policeman at the negotiations. "I made you a general," he said, accusing Mr Pruis of letting him down. General Pruis replied that he had won his promotion by being the top student on the generals' course at the police college.

The next day, Tuesday, at the special cabinet meeting called to endorse the constitutional decisions, Mr Kriel, with the support of other senior ministers, attacked Mr Meyer and the other leaders of the team, including Leon Wessels, the manpower minister, and Dawie de Villiers, the leader of the Cape Provincial Party. But Mr de Klerk came down on the side of the negotiators, and insisted that the government would endorse the constitution as agreed.

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Winnie Mandela sees guard die

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

A BLACK gunman who shot and killed Winnie Mandela's driver and bodyguard in heavy traffic in the centre of Johannesburg probably did not even realise that it was her sitting next to the victim, police said yesterday. They have ruled out that the attack was an attempt to assassinate the estranged wife of Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress president.

The incident on Saturday night appears to have been the outcome of an argument over road manners between John Lawrence, her guard, and two black pedestrians in a city where traffic disputes frequently end in violence. Mrs Mandela was not hurt but was said to be in a state of shock and under sedation at her home in Soweto yesterday.

Although the police have excluded a political motive for the attack, two armoured personnel carriers were stationed nearby yesterday, and security guards screened her visitors. Carl Niehaus, an ANC spokesman, said the organisation had not entirely ruled out the possibility of an assassination attempt. Mr Mandela, who was electioneering in Natal province, was reported to be extremely concerned.

Colonel Van Dyk Kruger, the investigating police officer, said an argument erupted between Mr Lawrence and two pedestrians. He stopped the car and confronted them before driving on. When he stopped at traffic lights the car door was yanked open and he was shot several times with a 9mm pistol. Colonel Kruger said Mr Lawrence fired back at his attacker, killing him with two shots in the chest before he collapsed himself and died. The gunman, 28, has not been named. The other man grabbed the gun and ran off but was seized by security guards as he fled along a nearby street.

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Millionaire maestros

Why can the man on the podium command such huge fees, asks **Julia Llewellyn Smith**



Leopold Stokowski, the supreme showman, welcomes Mickey Mouse on to the podium in the film *Fantasia*

Every exhibitionist dreams of conducting an orchestra. After all, as the writer and Nobel Laureate Elias Canetti said: "During the performance, nothing is supposed to exist except this work, the conductor for so long, is ruler of the world."

But, for the best known conductors, supreme power is not the only reward. They earn, by any standards, enormous sums of money. They may be more moved by Mahler than Mammon. But it would be difficult to say that they suffer for their art. American tax records show that Lorin Maazel, the musical director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, earnt $981,602 in 1990 — in addition to fees for guest conducting and a £2.1 million deal with Bavarian radio.

Maazel's position is not unusual. Conductors are in a sellers' market, where orchestras seem resigned to paying astronomical fees for guest performances. Leonard Slatkin, the chief conductor of the St Louis Symphony Orchestra, who works often with the Philharmonia in London, admits to commanding $6,000 to $10,000 a night. Compare this with Musicians' Union minimum rates for rank and file players — £45.85 to £62.75 for a three hour rehearsal followed by a three hour concert.

So why is the man on the podium worth more than everyone in the pit put together? "Unless you have a great conductor you won't have a great performance," says Basil Tchaikov, a clarinettist and director of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies. "With top conductors, you feel like an eagle flying over Everest."

The problem is that there are not enough of these greats to go round. "All over the world standards of instrumental skills have increased enormously," Mr Tchaikov says. "There are many very good orchestras and while there are many excellent conductors, there are some who are tenth rate. So you find first class musicians having to play for someone who is mediocre."

Tomorrow, *Omnibus* on BBC1 looks at the dearth of talent in the conducting world. Kriss Rusmanis, the programme's producer, was for six years a first horn player, playing in most of London's orchestras. He stopped eight years ago, disillusioned with conductors. "You want to play for someone who's going to excite you," he says. "But most of the people who are doing it don't enjoy it very much.

"All the time you get people who just haven't bothered to study the score, who don't know what's coming next. But because conducting is a nebulous art and the maestro has his back to the audience, they don't know what's going on and critics get taken in."

A trumpet player who has worked with many well-known conductors says: "You can't follow a lot of them. The bad ones just shut up and the orchestra carries on. You need them to start and finish, but that's it." The old joke springs to mind of the musician who goes into the pub after a concert. When asked who was conducting, he says: "I couldn't say, I didn't look."

Hugh Bean, veteran leader of the Philharmonia, says: "Conducting is a lost art. The giants like von Karajan, Beecham and Toscanini are gone. The only great conductor left is Carlos Kleiber. The rest are technically good, but they don't have the magic of making time vanish."

The problem, he feels, is that music is dominated by CD producers. "In the past there was a more leisurely way of working. Today time is money. The conductor is constantly on the intercom to the producer, most of whom have no classical training. There is little room for inspiration."

The producer may rule behind the scenes, but front of house the conductor is all. Audiences need a figure to focus on and if that figure is dark, intense and sways dreamily to the music, so much the better. Especially in demand are those with unpronounceable names, central-European accents and a tendency to scream, *à la* Leopold Stokowski, who, although London born, developed a Polish accent when he arrived at the Philadelphia orchestra — and a temperament to match. "He was like a character from Edgar Allen-Poe," says the trumpet player. "He would storm off in a sulk at the slightest pretext and carry on conducting for five minutes after the orchestra had stopped. Total bullshit."

Nonetheless, Stokowski was a great artist. Today record producers and orchestra managers are confusing the trappings of genius with the real thing. They are prepared to pay any price to pull in the punters. The maestros can continue to sleep easily in their five-star hotel beds. And just as well, they would say. After all, as Sir Georg Solti said, they get no pension.

● Omnibus: Everything you wanted to know about conductors, but were afraid to ask. *Tuesday, November 23, 10.20pm.*

Dalek or doctor in the house?

After 11 months in the job, John Birt's supporters claim that his success at the BBC justifies his style

Many would have buckled under the strain. No sooner had John Birt taken up his post last January as director general of the BBC — one of the most high-profile executive jobs in Britain — than it was revealed he was being paid as a freelance and was saving thousands of pounds in personal tax.

Next, having gone on staff, he was given a hefty increase. Traditionalists, concerned for their own futures, were coherent with rage. Mark Tully, the corporation's veteran India correspondent, spoke of a "sense of fear" at the BBC, with nobody (except, apparently, himself) daring to speak their minds. Dennis Potter, the award-winning dramatist, referred in a speech in Edinburgh to Birt as a "croak-voiced Dalek in an Armani suit".

"It shouldn't happen to a DG . . .", wrote Lord Annan, former chairman of the Committee on the Future of Broadcasting. But what a difference a year makes. As Christmas approaches, Birt has dramatically turned the tables. His approach has been vindicated in an external audit by accountants Touche Ross.

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary — a Harvard MBA with a past career in management consultancy — has praised the director general for his professionalism, and a select committee of the House of Commons was impressed with his crisp exposition of the need for change.

The final proof of a shift in perceptions came this month with the announcement that the government has guaranteed that the licence fee will be pegged to the rate of inflation for the next three years. This means stability. When the corporation's charter comes up for renewal in 1996, it will be at the end of a period of assured and steady growth.

Naturally, if you are one of the 4,500 former BBC personnel dismissed in recent years, you are not going to join in the chorus of actuarial approval. Birt's justification is that if he didn't organise the slaughter, someone else would — and they might be a deal more indiscriminate in the choice of victims.

Broadcasting has changed enormously in the past ten years. More and more television and radio channels are becoming available to punters each year and the result is that the BBC, once at the top of the food chain, now faces a host of predators, determined to bite off a slice of the action.

The government's green paper on broadcasting made it clear that the BBC had to fight for its place in the sun and could lose its charter if it did not reform its existing practices. Ministers also required the BBC, by statute, to hand over 25 per cent of its programme-making to outside producers.



John Birt: fighting to retain the BBC's charter

The facts, in any case, show advance, not retreat. In the current financial year, the BBC will spend an extra £100 million on programmes. In 1994-5, an additional £50 million will be spent, and in the third year a further, additional £25 million.

A new, year-round sequence of children's programmes is to begin on BBC2; an additional children's serial will be shown on BBC1: there will be 12 hours more comedy each week on television: *Omnibus*, the arts flagship, is to be boosted: 170 news journalists have been employed in the regions; news bureaux have opened in Rome, Rio de Janeiro and Cairo.

If the human cost has been considerable, there have at least been compensations for viewers and listeners. Less palatable to the Birtists was the admission, dragged from them with pliers, that "producer choice", intended to liberalise programme-making and conform with free-market directives, had led to an increase in bureaucracy, as accountants and auditors took over the offices vacated by sacked staff.

Steps have since been taken to reduce this tendency. Leighton Andrews, Birt's leading lobbyist, believes that producers are already beginning to see that cuts in overheads are yielding dividends in production. "We have been on a rising tide since the summer, and prospects today are infinitely better than they were before."

Not everyone would agree. Pamela Taylor, brought in a year ago as head of corporate affairs, charged with promoting Birt's radical shake up, is about to leave for the quieter waters of the World Health Organisation. She found the pressure of defending the new regime unbearable, and found herself backed into a corner in the corridors of power. Those who defend her say her scepticism is well-placed. Others believe she lacked direction.

Birt's attention has already turned to the Magna Carta. He has less than three years in which to persuade the government that the BBC should retain its famous charter and stay a mighty monolith — in his own words "one of the greatest creations of any country in the 20th century".

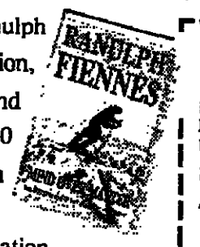
And, as with the prospect of a hanging, the knowledge that everything could yet be swept away with the stroke of a pen has concentrated his mind wonderfully. He wants the BBC to survive, and he is determined it should do so. Those who oppose him must reckon with that fact and begin, at last, to share his vision.

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The joys of being snowed up with a house full of excited children

I was going to write about Today's Children: a fine hot topic, involving top-level policy on the family, education and crime. Armed with statistics on their consumption of crisps and ignorance of long-division, I was going to settle down in a nice quiet study with a glass of port, and thunder a bit about basic values and moral and spiritual regeneration.

But then the milk bottle slipped from my hand at 5.50 yesterday morning, because if there is one thing that needs a steady hand it is chipping frozen milk into a saucepan to make cocoa for 14, while the snow rattles the ice-black windowpanes. And if there is one thing I do not have just now, it is a steady hand. So I thought, who are we kidding? there is no crusade, there is only survival. I am going to write about What I Did at the Weekend.



LIBBY PURVES

It began, as these things do, with a simple green paper. A birthday, an outing, home for pizza and sausages, three friends to sleep over. Amendments were proposed by the other child, and delicate diplomacy resulted in the announcement that they had asked six friends each for the night, plus extras for the party.

By this time we had a major Act of Parliament on our hands: the Sleeping Sixteen (Enabling) Bill, involving the creation of girls' camp and boys' camp in various rooms. Somehow, this was presented to me as a compromise: today's children are fastidious about hygiene. Sometimes). Over the shrieking, the engineer announced that the wires were down; whereon I noticed the weather and realised, just as the fifteenth ten-year-old surged in, that we might be snowed up with this lot for days.

We still might. It is 7am, the cocoa is distributed, the night is receding. It began with a gratifying series of surprises: not least the limited appeal of computer games. Only 18.75 per cent hurled themselves straight on the console when offered a choice of activities: 37.5 per cent watched *Mr Bean* on video and imitated him, 12.5 per cent played a fierce little game of chess, and the rest scuffled on the floor. But when I mentioned we had a dressing-up box, 100 per cent roared up the stairs. I had thought of it, shame on me, as a gentle pastime for the girls: but both sexes reappeared, five minutes later, with their legs in old sweaters, fur jackets back-to-front, and deeply unsettling wigs.

A large, macho 11-year-old football star appeared in oriental kaftan with a vast shelf-like bosom made out of sweaters. Awards were made for Most Elegant, Most Similar to a Drunken Duck, Most Worrying, and 15 others.

Then the bed process began, over which let us draw a veil. Not, perhaps, over the stately demeanour of the seven girls, who put on flowing night-dresses, combed their hair, and snuggled down enquiring "May we read?". Nor even over the strangely dignified deputation of boys at 10.30pm: "They're keeping us awake. We want you to shut them up. Bob thinks so too, only he hasn't got any pyjama bottoms on, so he can't come and represent himself." The modern child has a fine sense of legal procedure. I skate over later events, only observing that the nuns at my boarding-school were quite right to sit saying the rosary like holy sentries outside dormitory doors to stamp out subversive whispering. Forget original sin: I always felt the problem in *Lord of the Flies* was that they didn't have a nun there.

It is 8am. Latest research indicates that a) once you get a sufficient critical mass of children, breakfast TV loses its appeal in favour of stuffing snow down one another's necks and playing Sardines and b) that on balance, two-parent families are probably best. The mother's role we know about. The father's role is to pull the duvet over his head and moan. Well, someone has to do it.

By the way, I have also cracked the fashionable problem of computer-game addiction. You take the control pads off and stick them in your dressing-gown pocket, then offer the lads the chance to put false boobs on again.

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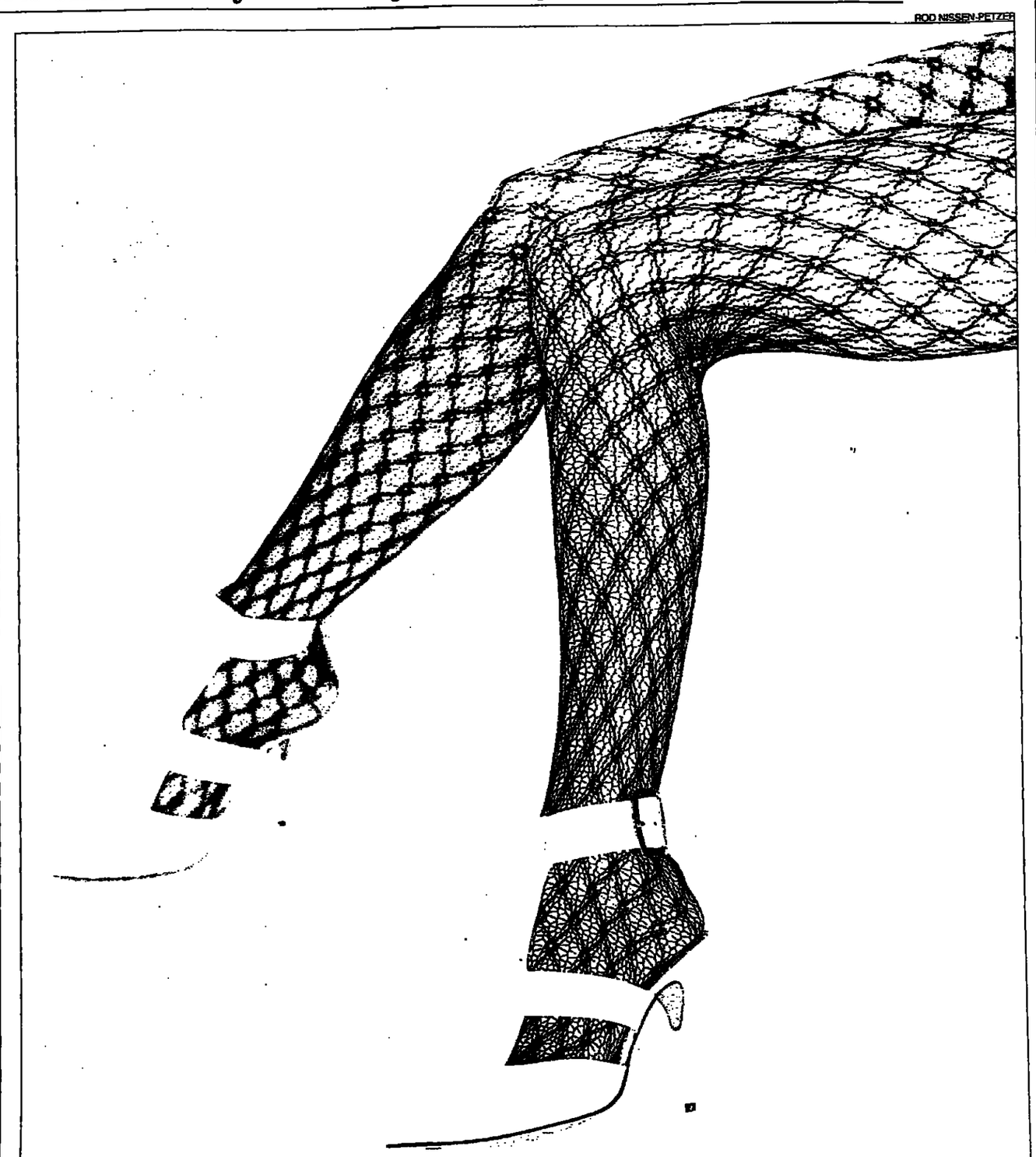
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Kathryn Flett reports on an old royal standby teetering back onto the catwalks

A high white season

Prepare for a snowy summer: the white stiletto now has the high-fashion seal of approval. But how to wear the Torremolinos of footwear without jeers?

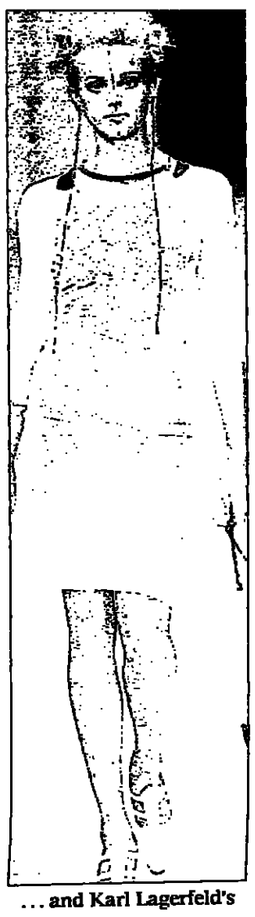
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Staying on a high: shoes, £165, Johnny Moke, 396 Kings Road, SW10. Tights, £3.99, Sock Shop branches nationwide. Stylist Rachel Collins



Helmut Lang's whites . . .



. . . and Karl Lagerfeld's







Long may they be Rayne's — the royals have remained enthusiasts for white shoes, many from the same maker

My first pair of white stilettos were beautiful to behold. Purchased at Miss Selfridge in 1979, they had 4in heels, peep toes and a sort of hole-punch effect on the leather. Alongside my classmates in their sensible V-neck woollies, kilts and penny loafers, I wore my shiny new stilettos teamed with a shocking pink acetate cocktail frock and teetered proudly up to the stage on school speech day to collect my O-level certificates.

I thought I was sophisticated. They thought I was . . . well, in retrospect I think they were probably right. But I *loved* those shoes. Still, after one too many scuffs permanently scarred the pristine whiteness, I finally dyed them the colour of a Hockney swimming-pool and gave them a whole new life.

Few items of apparel are as reviled as the white stiletto. So it is perhaps surprising that (a) it is making a comeback and (b) the most high profile and loyal consumer throughout the dark age of the white stiletto has been the royal family. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret have their white platform courts and sandals made for them by Rayne, to a design apparently unchanged since the late 1940s. In all weathers, at every occasion, their resolutely unfashionable shoes are as inevitable as the succession of acid-bright co-ordinating frocks and hats which accompany them.

Skip a couple of generations and we find the Princess of Wales is a big fan. While it's obvious that she is never going to be mistaken for a Basildon blonde, it is still somehow strangely shocking to see the icon of upper-crust British style showing-out in white stilettos . . . and bare legs.

In my opinion, the white stiletto has had a pretty bad rep for longer than it deserves. For 1950s B-movie starlets in publicity stills, they were as *de rigueur* as cantilevered undergarments, angora sweaters and prototype hotpants. In the 1960s they cut it as both day and evening wear, paired with ski pants or something short, sparkly and highly inflammable. By the 1970s they were reborn as clod-hopping great wedges or platform sandals, often worn by models in bikinis and shades, glaring at Helmut Newton's camera.

They may have had their (brief) brush with *haute* glamour but by the end of the decade they were relegated from the premier league of style to the bottom of the fourth division. In the 1980s, of course, they were considered laughably gauche and immortalised as the favoured footgarments of Page 3 bimbos and Essex girls, the Torremolinos of footwear.

Now some of the world's leading designers are attempting to make them fashionable in the 1990s. When Karl Lagerfeld and Helmut Lang showed white stilettos on the catwalks for next summer, we took note. British designers are also warming to white. Bella Freud has included some white stilettos in her collection for next summer and says they can be incredibly elegant in a "brash kind of way".

Katharine Hamnett maintains that they look best worn down at heel and with a shell-suit. Paul Smith says simply that in Nottingham "they've never gone away". Johnny Moke, the shoe designer, says that this time round it will be the avant-garde customer who wears them, and that his white patent stilettos are much more popular than the black ones.

Richard Kottler, the chairman of Rayne, believes that white stilettos, as opposed to platforms, are more for "special occasions" than everyday wear.

However, as long as the white stiletto is still seen to be a bit of a joke, the main problem seems to lie in proving that you're in on it.

How to wear white stilettos ironically? Avoiding Lycra and scuff marks (and, indeed, shocking pink acetate cocktail frocks) will help, but it's going to be tough: with or without a high fashion seal of approval, the white stiletto carries a lot of stigma and we will stand (and very likely fall) on its reputation.

● *The author is the editor of* Arena *magazine.*

Iain R. Webb is on holiday.

WHEN WHITE IS ALL RIGHT

☐ **Tanya Sarne, of Ghost:** "I wore winkle-picker white stilettos with mini-minis and they crippled me. They're very sexy and give you wonderful legs but I'd only wear them in private now . . ."

☐ **Jimmy Choo:** "They're great on brides, but although I like stilettos, I'd have to say not in white leather."

☐ **Manolo Blahnik:** "They're a reaction against these heavy Mickey Mouse shoes. I've been doing stilettos for over five years and I sell white ones. I don't see there's any stigma attached to them at all."

☐ **Ally Capellino:** "I usually wear them round the house. If I wore them out it would spoil my sensible image!"

☐ **Helen Storey:** "I used to wear them when I was about 16, with Tesco bomber jackets and very tight drainpipes. I don't wear heels now because I can't run in them — but I can see why they'd be revived. They're classics in a very trashy, trendy kind of way."

☐ **Helmut Lang:** "Forget about revivals — anything goes. I never categorise women by whether they wear high heels or low ones. It depends on the context."

HOTLINE

Socks made to shock

WHEN Sock Shop hit the high street there was a sock revolution. With the trend for patterned tights (see left) and eyecatching socks, shoppers might want to take advantage of a Sock Shop giveaway. The first 100 readers to apply will receive a voucher for £10 to spend in any branch of Sock Shop. Write to Sock Shop/Times Giveaway, 20 Nelson Way, York Town, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3DW.

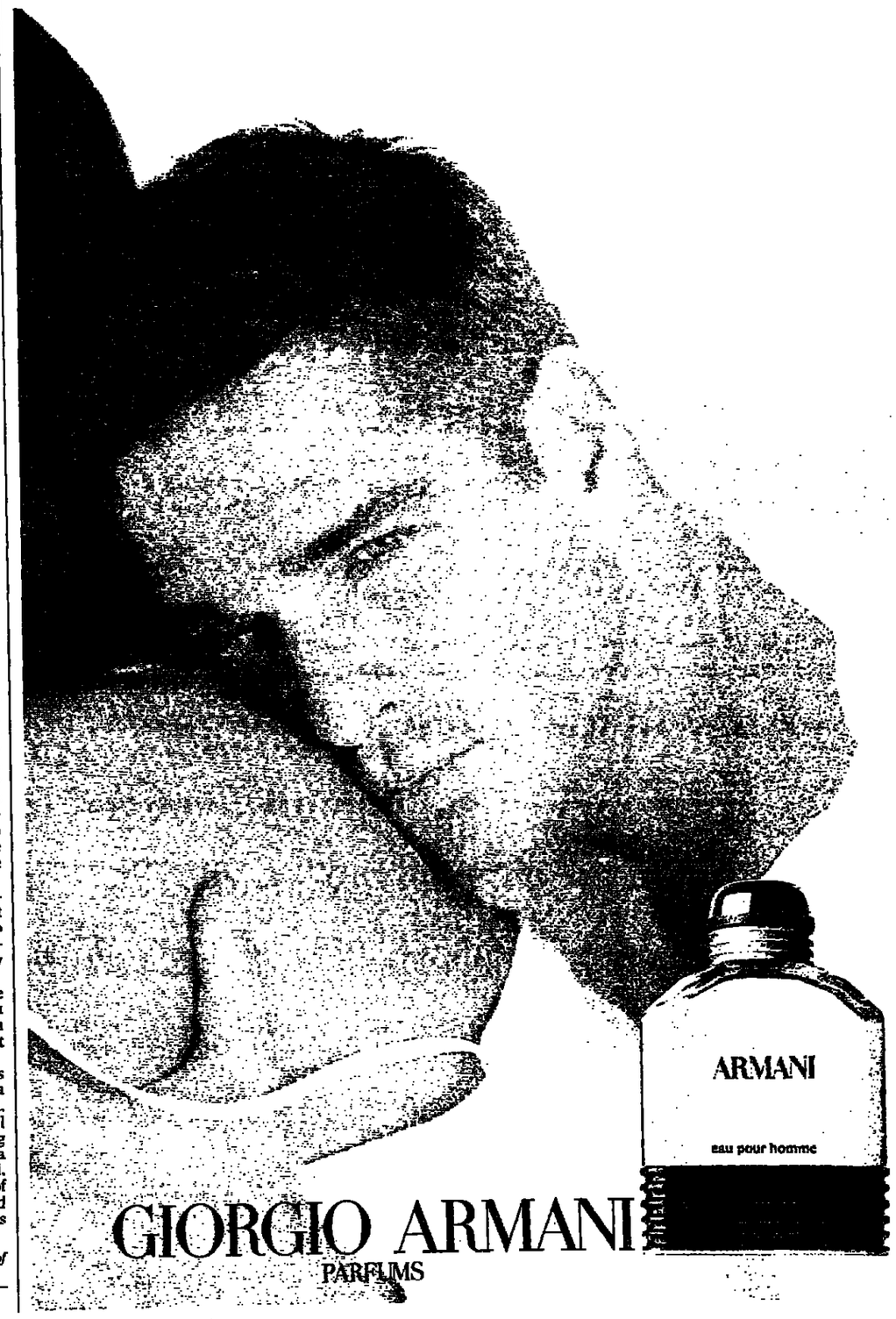
● THE Salvation Army has hardly changed its look since it began in 1865. Now members, particulary younger women, are talking about introducing a new uniform and abolishing the bonnet. Traditionalists believe the black, ribboned headwear is a distinctive trademark — others feel it is impractical and outmoded.

● THE eveningwear designer Monica Chong has launched Baby Boo! — a catalogue offering fun children's wear with a difference. Designs include fake fur panda coats, dinosaur rompers and appliquéd pinafores. Baby Boo! PO Box 3000, London SW6 4SX (071-371 5467).

● FAUSTUS Fine Art is holding an exhibition of early gold jewellery in its showroom until December 23. Intricate and beautifully crafted pieces are for sale at prices ranging from £165 for a Roman bronze ring to £3,500 for a pair of gold Hellenistic earrings. Faustus Fine Art, 1st Floor, 90 Jermyn Street, London SW1.

● CUT-PRICE designer fashion can be bought at a sale in aid of Barnardos. Designers, including Betty Jackson, John Richmond and Red or Dead, have donated items to be sold at 12 Ganton Street, London W1, on Friday and Saturday. Entrance fee, £3.

RACHEL COLLINS



Matthew Parris



■ You never see a middle-aged comb. A grim reaper stalks our homes in the dead of night, taking such things away

I've just bought a comb. Another comb. It would hardly seem worth bothering you with this information except that today a deepening sense of mystery grips me. The comb, you see, was purchased along with my *Times* from the newsagent at Derby station, as usual.

I mean the *comb* as usual: the newspaper usually comes with me from Matlock. But, as I say to the W.H. Smith lady. "A haircomb please, black or brown, the cheapest you have", it strikes me that this is what I always say to her. Been doing it for years. This is the point on my journey to London when I realise that I haven't got a comb.

But where's the one I bought last week? Where's the one I bought the week before? I have purchased at least 20 combs from this woman this year; I have never lost a comb in my life — how can you? You comb your hair then put them back in your pocket. Nor have I ever thrown away a comb; and I do not take combs out of pockets when undressing. So by now my pockets should be crammed with them.

> 'But where's the one I bought last week? I have purchased 20 combs this year'

Where are these combs going? Have you ever seen a comb destroyed? Have you ever seen anyone throwing a comb away? Why *would* you throw a comb away? They hardly seem to wear out; only very rarely do you see a clapped-out haircomb. In theory, no doubt, a comb looses its teeth with age, but you very rarely see one in this condition. The comb that has reached its full term — losing its faculties and approaching the great bin in the sky — is most exceptional. Somehow, then, these toiletries are being cut off in their prime, disappearing mysteriously before middle-age sets in. A grim reaper of accessories stalks our homes in the dead of night, taking away the combs.

And the adjustable spanners. And the pliers, and the insulating tape. When did you last *finish* a roll of insulating tape? Yet we start dozens. Never in my life have I abandoned a pair of pliers, and I must have bought 50. Where are they going?

Where are the nail clippers going — have you ever broken a pair, or worn them out? Where are the nearly full packets of envelopes that you bought because you needed one envelope and the shop only sells packets? Why are people reading books on trains always about a quarter of the way through? Do books vaporise in the night once you reach chapter four? How often do you finish a ballpoint pen? Yet how often you buy one! Where have all the corkscrews gone?

Why does the number of electrical appliances we own always exceed the number of plugs or adaptors we can find? Appliances wear out and plugs do not, so it should be the old plugs that accumulate. In fact it is the old toasters, long shorn of their plugs, that do . . .

Ah — now the plot thickens. Thus far, you see, we have been discussing that category of objects which never enjoy middle age, let alone reach retirement; whose death is seldom witnessed and whose corpses are almost never seen. Spending only their youth with us, they are snatched into an invisible world, existing, perhaps, unseen after that — or drawn, like elephants, to some secret cemetery; a great hidden scrapyard of combs, pliers, corkscrews and insulating tape: a parallel dimension inaccessible to our five human senses.

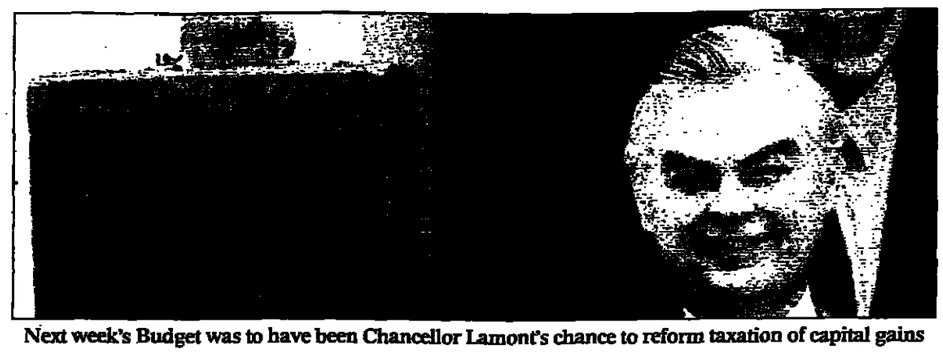
But talk of toasters leads us to a converse mystery. If combs are never seen in decrepitude, why are toasters seldom seen in any other condition? These appliances seem to have only a fleetingly useful life, yet an interminable passing away. Toasters move from the manufacturers' packaging to the cupboard of things that you don't quite throw away, because they do nearly work, with astonishing speed. And there they stay, for ever. Whereas combs leave unaccountably almost before we are acquainted, toasters outstay their welcome for decades. We have fewer combs but more toasters than we ever bought. Our Biros go before they die, but our felt-tipped pens die before they go; their nearly useful phase being eternal. The same is true of Land Rovers.

Like shoes. Shoes never quite fall apart. One of the compensations for death will be the departing thought that at least somebody will have the excuse to throw away all my old shoes. And underpants. And sweaters with at least 85 per cent of the knitting still intact, but a problem with the remaining 15 per cent. My death will see the break-up of one of the finest and most extensive collections of old toothbrushes in Europe. Weeks after my coffin has gone, they will still be carrying away my stores of plastic bags with one handle broken.

And I shall pass, I suppose, to a new world, what was visible will fade, and what was unseen will take shape before my wandering eyes. It will be a world teeming with plugs, but no toasters. There will be adjustable spanners everywhere, but no Land Rovers. Barefoot and without underpants we shall wade through heaps of haircombs, corkscrews in our hands, looking for a plastic bag.

Norman Lamont on the measure he wishes he had taken, and hopes Kenneth Clarke will

My greatest regret as Chancellor



Next week's Budget was to have been Chancellor Lamont's chance to reform taxation of capital gains

I left the Treasury with one particular regret, that as Chancellor I never managed to change our system for taxing capital gains. None of my former colleagues in the Treasury will be surprised if I return to this subject.

The Conservative government's decision in 1988 to raise the top rate of capital gains tax to 40 per cent was a strange one. It is the only decision in Nigel Lawson's brilliant series of tax-reforming Budgets that I believe was wrong. The reason given at the time was that it would align the rate of capital gains tax with the rate of income tax. The theory justifying this was that there is no difference between a capital gain and income. This was never very convincing, even though I had to propound it publicly myself. As every investor knows, income and capital gain are not the same. Investment incurs risk in a way which earning a salary does not.

Whatever the theory, the rates of income tax and capital gains tax were not in any case aligned. Indexation of capital gains (the allowance for inflation) reduces the effective rate of capital gains tax. So we have ended up with the worst of all worlds: the illusion of a high marginal rate of tax, which must inhibit investment and the movement of capital.

Does this matter? I think it does, and indeed it goes right to the heart of creating a vibrant, healthy capitalist society. In the United States, reducing the rate of capital gains tax has been fought for as a supply-side measure to boost small businesses and create jobs. Some countries manage to do without capital gains tax altogether: Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan. Indeed Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior leader, once ascribed his country's economic success to the absence of capital gains tax. Why cannot we see capital gains in the same way in this country, as the reward for entrepreneurship and risk taking? Why tax savings and investment when we want them?

I saw the November Budget as the opportunity for dealing with this. Before each of my three Budgets, I tried to change the capital gains tax regime but the timing was never right alongside my other priorities. I had not envisaged next week's Budget as being a large tax-raising one. That had been done in March. But I would have been prepared to raise some tax to finance capital gains reform, although how much would be needed is very difficult to say. Studies in America have confirmed that the cuts there in capital gains tax rates in 1979 and 1982 increased revenue. Since our increase in capital gains tax in 1988, revenues from this tax have fallen from £2.3 billion to under £1 billion last year — a fall of two-thirds after allowing for inflation. Cutting the rate might encourage people to unlock their capital gains and actually enhance tax revenues.

There are a number of ways in which capital gains tax might be reformed. The first is to introduce rollover relief for equities. Pension funds enjoy extensive tax privileges which, ironically, discriminate against the private investor, whom the government wishes to encourage. To try to level the playing field, the government introduced personal equity plans (PEPs), but that merely introduced one distortion to offset another. It would be far better to reduce taxes on savings than to create more tax shelters.

Alternatively, the rate of tax could be reduced from 40 per cent to 15 per cent and at the same time the indexation allowance abolished. I have always believed that the tax system should be simple enough for everyone to fill in their own tax return. I have never met anyone other than accountants who could complete the capital gains tax section of their tax return without help.

The main purpose of changes such as this would be to remove the penal effects of capital gains tax on the owners of privately owned businesses. I had already taken one major step to ameliorate this by abolishing inheritance tax on businesses. But we need to go further.

By comparison with other countries, we have a small privately owned company sector. Virtually all our large companies are quoted on the Stock Exchange and many small ones too. The contrast with Germany is striking. One of Germany's great strengths is its large number of privately owned companies. Joseph Schumpeter, the greatest writer on capitalism this century, believed that arms' length ownership of companies on the Stock Exchange takes the life out of the idea of property. "Dematerialised, defunctionalised, absentee ownership does not impress and call forth moral allegiance as the vital form of property once did. Eventually there will be nobody left who really cares to stand for it." This may sound overly pessimistic, but some spectacular corporate failures and disquiet about the level of directors' remuneration illustrate some of the problems.

It is the class of family proprietors, owning businesses large and small, that is the bedrock of a capitalist society and sustains the values that encourage wealth creation. Yet the tax system works against this. To grow, businesses and individuals need to plough back their profits, but capital gains tax and other business taxes work against this. They encourage proprietors to drain their businesses of cash to put into pension funds which invest in large quoted companies. This has weakened small business and made it more difficult for many of them to survive the recession. As a result we have a stunted small business sector.

Tackling the capital gains problem would show that the government has an agenda for the 1990s. Budgets are not just about balancing the books. Geoffrey Howe's first Budget showed that the government was serious about restoring incentives by cutting income tax and raising VAT. Nigel Lawson reformed company taxation and gave us the lowest top rate of income tax in Europe. These Budgets mapped a direction for each Parliament. I believe that reform of the tax on business ownership and investment would demonstrate a similar purpose. It is a vision of creating a genuinely capitalist society.

William Rees-Mogg is on holiday

At last they're spelling it out

The language of politics is changing, says **Peter Riddell**



The Cold War has ended. The meaning of socialism is obscure. The crusading phase of the conservative counter-revolution is over. So how do we define our politics? The old verities of the postwar era no longer apply. The consequent search for a new political language explains much of the uncertainty about the direction of both main parties.

That is why the "back to basics" initiative is so revealing. It is not just confined to Britain. The other day the headline on a *New York Times* report read: "Back to Basics: Clinton sounds themes that got him elected". Much of the story, about a meeting which President Clinton had with academics, sounds familiar. There were complaints that "the Clinton presidency still lacked broad, unifying themes". He was urged to emphasise family responsibility.

Politics is often defined in terms of enemies. As Douglas Hurd has argued, this is because the traditional dragons — whether the Warsaw Pact, over-powerful unions or "loony" left-wing councils — have largely been slain. In their place, we too often have vague buzz-words with meaning only to those in the political world. In some cases, all parties are scrabbling for the same words, such as community, citizenship and empowerment.

The language of management has infected much of what the right says. The risks were highlighted last week by John Redwood, but rather lost in the flurry about his comments on the number of health administrators. Mr Redwood's underlying theme was more subtle: the risk of those in public service talking "a separate language, refining a separate culture, and thinking we know better than others what they want. The world of the establishment intelligentsia teems with 'networks', 'interpersonal skills', 'co-ordination', 'purchaser/provider splits' and a whole dictionary of Latinate abstract nouns given greater priority than popular needs." It is always good to hear from a populist fellow of All Souls.

The current revolution in the running of public services is not being widely debated because of the language used. The world of Next Steps agencies and market testing is largely impenetrable to outsiders. William Waldegrave, another All Souls product, does his best. But even the citizen's charter is an elusive concept, despite a recent poll showing broad support for its main aims. Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary, has allied with the Plain English Campaign in annual awards for clear English. The Cabinet Office itself won one this year for "management matters". But jargon is still too often prevalent. That is partly the fault of business schools and their over-simplified concepts: the curse of the MBA. Too many of the businessmen at the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry in Harrogate last week talked as if repeating glib phrases, "empower individuals to motivate themselves", was in itself a policy.

The left is subject to an equally dangerous infection, the dire legacy of post-Marxist political dialogue. The left is still more fertile in producing books and pamphlets and holding conferences than the right, perhaps reflecting its impotence. But much of the debate must mean nothing to those it is meant to benefit. The Institute for Public Policy Research, the left-of-centre think-tank, whose own publications are generally clear, recently organised a conference on reinventing the left. I doubt whether more than half a dozen Labour MPs would have understood, if they had bothered to read, many of the papers. One nugget was, "a new solidarity will need to be explicitly created and regulated through an egalitarian politics of productivism".

No wonder "back to basics" sounds appealing. The slogan is flawed. Right-wing No Turning Back group ministers agree with Sir Edward Heath's complaint about the word "back": "No one has ever captained an advance by shouting to his troops 'Back, boys, back'. There is nothing for the future in that." That is why Downing Street has been emphasising that it is not nostalgic. The initiative also got off to a faltering start with the talk about single mothers, giving the impression of a moral crusade.

However much derided as a tacit admission of the policy errors of the 1980s and as consisting of banal platitudes, "back to basics" has at least offered a new coherence to the Tory programme, largely uniting the party. It highlights the "ordinary man" appeal of Mr Major. The public cares about respect for the law, family responsibility and standards in schools. The government looks interesting again. That is a trap for the Opposition.

The dangers for Labour have been highlighted by Jack Straw. The government, he said, intended to reinvent itself as the Opposition. The Tories want Labour to argue with their assertions that standards are falling: "That way we become the apologists for everything that is bad, and appear as the main obstacle to a return to better basic standards." Instead, Labour should itself talk about basic standards.

Similarly, Tony Blair has argued that Labour should not dodge the issue, while moving beyond the right's attempt to produce false choices between criminal or causes, punishment or prevention. Mr Blair has recaptured ground for Labour on law and order by talking in straightforward terms about the links between personal and social responsibilities and rights. He stresses the need to teach children rights and wrongs, but relates it not just to parents and the family but also to wider social influences.

Mr Blair suggests that by ignoring social responsibility, the government has vacated the centre ground. Labour has got to do much more work to convince people that it is in the mainstream. But Mr Blair has a point. "Back to basics" may have given the Tories a tactical political edge. But it has opened up a debate, in language which people can understand, which may be hard for Mr Major to control. "Back to basics" is helping to redefine politics.

Avonworld

EXTRAORDINARY plans are afoot to create a Shakespearean theme park outside Stratford-upon-Avon as a lasting memorial to the Bard. A company, appropriately called Will Power Holdings, hopes to make a film of Shakespeare's life using a 280-acre site and then leave the set as an entertainment park, including 16 to 20 Elizabethan-style streets with real shops and houses. Plans will be submitted to the local authority next month.

Kris Kliszewicz, a director of the company, has spent three years on the project and is negotiating with backers. "We hope to start filming next year and have been looking for the guy to play Shakespeare for the last four months," he discloses. "We would build the set on a permanent basis. Once the filming was finished, we would add the restaurants and car parks and so on, then open it to the public the following year."

Kliszewicz, who set up a Robin Hood theme park in Nottingham a decade ago, insists the park would be tasteful, with no kitsch pastiches. "There are no plastic roofs or hamburgers and chips," he says.

Stratford-upon-Avon council, which once wisely rejected a plan for a multi-storey hotel complete with thatched roof, has yet to see the final plans but has been consulted. "I can't comment on how the council would react. Clearly it places protection of the environment very high on its list, and anything that threatens it the council will frown upon," says Henry Beeby, deputy planning officer. "But having said that, it is a tourist town and there are people here who would welcome such an attraction."

All the town's a stage . . .

● *Luckily Shakespeare was spared the indignities of having to woo commercial sponsors. When Lady Macbeth, played by Cheryl Campbell, wrings her hands and cries "Out damned spot" next month at the RSC's production of Macbeth in London's Barbican, the sponsor, Unilever, will take special delight. It manufactures Persil, and will be offering discount vouchers to all RSC mailing-list members.*



DIARY

No fools

CELEBRATIONS for the tenth anniversary of English Heritage will start with a generous offer from the conservation body next year. It plans to offer free entry to all 140 of its historic monuments where charges are made.

But the celebrations will not fall on April 1, the date English Heritage was born out of the environment department and its historic monuments advisory committees.

The official excuse for moving the date to April 2 is that the real anniversary falls on Good Friday. Possibly more in the mind of its irascible chairman, Jocelyn Stevens, is that nobody would believe anything the body says on April Fool's day.

Home help

NORMA MAJOR'S favourite charity, Mencap, has had a setback after the local council surprisingly rejected plans to build a home in Huntingdon, her husband's constituency.

"I can't say we expected it," sighs Huntingdon Mencap president Elizabeth Dicks, who was earlier in the year disappointed by the cancellation of Norma Major's traditional summer Mencap ball because of poor ticket sales. Apparently the district council turned down the mental health charity's application after some residents complained the home for eight people and a warden near the town centre would adversely affect nearby properties.

"They are concerned about the size of the building," says planning director David Potter, adding: "And there is, on the site, a 90-year-old Austrian pine with a preservation order."

Perhaps the charity should enlist a little support from local big-wigs?

● *As chilled passengers listen today for British Rail's latest excuse about delays, all is not lost. BR employees are learning how to become customer-friendly and colour-coordinated. They are being subjected to courses run by consultants Colour Me Beautiful, designed to improve the image of Network SouthEast. Early beneficiaries will be commuters on the London to Tilbury line. Out go baggy grey suits, says Mary Spillane, the image guru. In comes the thrusting young executive with the ability to defuse threatening situations. Little consolation to those stamping their feet on a freezing platform. And it might be unwise for beautifully mannered staff to put their new training to the test by exhorting them to "have a nice day now".*

What debate?

SHE MAY have received considerable press attention in recent weeks, not least for her early-morning shopping sprees and pronouncements on over-indulgence, but Virginia Bottomley is still far from satisfied. In *Parliamentary Briefing*, a magazine that circulates the corridors of Westminster, the health secretary rounds sternly on her fellow MPs.

"Parliamentary debates about the NHS can be lamentably poor," she moans. "Bewilderment, frustration and irritation invariably take precedence over illumination, inquiry and reason."

Labour's health spokesman David Blunkett, who memorably described Bottomley as "Mary Poppins on crack" is unimpressed, as the last full government debate on health took place more than a year ago on October 22, 1992. Nor was any health legislation foreshadowed in the Queen's Speech.

"In fact," he retorts, "she has had so little experience of debate in the last year that I'm surprised she has any view at all."

Basic instincts

JOHN MAJOR has found a helpmate for his "back to basics" initiative — Dame Barbara Cartland. Her fan club ran a marathon yesterday on LBC Radio with the Duchess of St Albans, Gareth Hunt, Robert Kilroy-Silk and Tarquin Olivier — among others — reading extracts from her romantic novels non-stop for four hours.

"We hope it will encourage people to get a bit more romantic, with good manners and men looking after you," says Dame Barbara. "It's what we all want isn't it? John Major said more or less the same thing about getting back to the old values instead of all this leaping into bed." Words to warm the prime minister's heart.



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THE LIMITS OF AID

Humanitarian help cannot be a substitute for peace in Bosnia

A brutal truth cannot always be blurted out. Douglas Hurd came close to doing so in the Commons on Friday when he said it was unrealistic to expect the humanitarian effort in Bosnia to continue indefinitely if the warring parties block progress at the negotiating table and hold up the aid convoys. The donor countries, he hinted, are losing patience: their drivers have been killed, their troops shot at, their food aid looted by bandit militias and their attempts to save the lives of almost three million people denounced as genocide.

The truth he has touched on is even bleaker. He and Lord Owen are now voicing what frustrated United Nations troops, politicians and even humanitarian officials admit amid the freezing ruins of Bosnia: the large-scale delivery of aid may simply be prolonging the agony of the war, interfering with the dynamics of the conflict and saving the warlords from the consequences of their brutality — the deaths of their own parents, children and communities. Neither America nor its European allies are willing to force aid through. Unless the warring parties themselves guarantee the safety of the corridors and respect the neutrality of the donors, there will be no food, no medicines, no shelter and no hope for the dying country.

Foreign ministers at today's meetings of the Western European Union and the European Union are unlikely to follow this harsh logic. Indeed Mr Hurd will join others in urging a redoubling of humanitarian effort to avert a catastrophe in Bosnia this winter. Last month they demanded that "all appropriate means" be used to deliver the aid, on which almost three million lives now depend. Klaus Kinkel, the German foreign minister, said the "trap of suffering" must not be allowed to close: he and his French colleague are willing to go a long way in appeasing the Serbs, with a staged lifting of sanctions in return for territorial concessions, as a means of persuading their forces to loosen their stranglehold on Muslim cities and cajole all parties into returning to the negotiating table.

The Europeans are in no position to enforce whatever compromise emerges from their jumble of proposals. Sanctions are a matter for the UN Security Council; tougher enforcement of existing interdictions such as the no-fly zone depends on America; troop levels cannot be increased without a more coherent military objective and unless public opinion is convinced of the need for a larger commitment. The focus therefore will remain on the humanitarian aid.

Now questions must be asked about its aims and methods. Is it only, as the angry victims of war declare, a sop to the Western conscience, a plaster to staunch a haemorrhage, a minimal gesture to postpone unpopular decisions on resisting aggression? They see dropping Christmas teddy bears as the ultimate absurdity. Or has the aid been a way of keeping alive a desperate population while the search goes on for a political compromise? Does international responsibility as well as human compassion not force the world to continue the effort however despicable its misuse for military leverage and political blackmail?

Whatever the astonished outrage in Britain at being accused by the Bosnians of genocide, no county can unilaterally turn its back on the tragedy. Neither Mr Hurd nor Lord Owen is encouraging an abdication of responsibility; what they are rightly doing is to warn the Bosnians that aid cannot be used as a substitute for peace. If a weary world decides that no party in Bosnia wants peace, it may ask why it is is risking its own troops' lives there. Aid convoys can be halted, the troops can be brought home and the conflict left to burn itself out. A million deaths this winter would silence the guns; but it would be the silence of the graveyard.

FINANCING THE WELFARE STATE

Choice is more convincing to voters than budget savings

The leaks this weekend on the future financing of the welfare state are a revealing insight into the thinking of Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury. His political judgment will prove either foolhardy or brave. There was no point, he said, in the government sticking to "every little promise" on welfare spending made in the Tory manifesto, if the result was failure on the "big promise to deliver sound public finances".

The trouble is that voters may have a very different idea of which promises are "little" and which are "big". Would they regard commitments on child benefits and pensions as less important than the one vague statement on public finance: "keeping control of public spending will enable us to cut taxes while bringing the government's budget back towards balance in the years ahead"?

This point about political priorities is worth labouring. Mr Portillo and his allies would make a grievous mistake if they allowed their long-term vision of a more efficient, better targeted and potentially more generous social safety net to be confounded in the public mind with the Treasury's emergency efforts to patch up the huge hole created by the recession in the government's accounts.

For ministers to demand benefit reductions on the grounds that the government "can no longer afford" the present system of welfare would be politically disastrous. It would play straight into the hands of opposition lobbyists and politicians, who will be trying to persuade the public that welfare reforms are just a ruse to make the old, the sick and the poor pay for the government's past economic blunders.

The sort of reforms suggested by Mr Portillo in the past and discussed in more detail in the leaked documents would not produce significant savings to the Treasury in the next few years. They might have little or no overall impact on Britain's macroeconomic performance, even in the very long term. The idea of letting people make their own provisions for the risk of unemployment would certainly be costly for the taxpayer, since people with secure jobs would opt out of the state unemployment system. For this and other reasons the idea of privatising unemployment insurance is unlikely to get off the ground.

Encouraging people to opt out of state pensions is a far bigger objective — but not because it would reduce the cost of supporting today's pensioners, which it would not. Even in the long run, workers would probably pay more. In return they would get more flexibility, the chance to buy better benefits than the state would ever provide, and the security of owning their own pension funds.

If offered the choice between relying on the state and providing for themselves, many people would opt for self-reliance, even if this meant saving more for retirement than they now pay into national insurance. People who now resent paying higher taxes would cheerfully put aside as savings the same money and more. This is the simple insight which underpins the whole strategy for welfare reform - and holds out the hope that encouraging those who can provide for themelves will end up offering better retirement and other benefits for all. If ministers want to sell welfare reform to the public, this positive message, and not the threat to public finances, is what they must emphasise.

REWARDING ART

Modern art is meant to open new windows not close old minds

Tomorrow Lord Palumbo, the chairman of the Arts Council, will announce the winner of this year's Turner Prize. Channel 4 will show a film illustrating the work of the four artists on the short list. And a hubbub of incomprehension, ridicule, rage and envy will break out from campaigning zealots of the art world. Phone-in pundits and headline-writers of the "Is it art, or is it rubbish?" school of journalism, who have not always taken the trouble to look for long at the works on view, will add their pennyworths. And so, as usual, the prize will have achieved its purpose of promoting discussion of developments in contemporary British art.

Rachel Whiteread, on this year's short-list, has one of her building sculptures standing for a few more days in the East End of London. Her cast of the inside of a Victorian terrace house has since had its outer shell demolished around it, leaving a haunting ghost of domestic past frozen in time — or a load of old concrete, according to taste. Taste as well as technique and tradition define a work of art: and there is no legislating for tastes. Splashes of pale green and yellow on the walls of Whiteread's *House* are spectral reminders of the wallpaper that used to decorate the rooms before they were translated into conceptual art.

As the most famous critic of the day wrote: "Wallpaper in its embryonic state is more finished than that seascape." But that was in 1874, and he was referring to *Impression: Sunrise* by Claude Monet. For years Monet and his friends had to put on their own exhibitions in an unfashionable studio because they were rejected by the Paris Salon, the arbiter of established taste. They too were savaged with incomprehension and ridicule. But they opened the public's eyes to new ways of looking at the world: Monet's rejected painting eventually gave its name as eponym to the Impressionists.

Turner's name is taken in vain by critics of the prize named after him. But when he was elected the youngest Royal Academician in 1803, his unconventional modern art was dismissed by many as decadent and unrealistic. And 40 years later some temperamentally blindfold critics were still suggesting that he had gone mad, because of the violence of his colour and the increasing vagueness of his form. Traditionalists complained when the Dutch started painting realistic bourgeoisie instead of stylised saints. No doubt vested interests were complaining a hundred centuries ago about the modernist switch from conformist representation of animals hieroglyphs.

A safe and uncontentious prize for contemporary art is an oxymoron. Artists, who must work with imagination as well as traditional skills, are the visionary scouts and dangerous vanguards for the rest of mankind. Their work is too important to be defined by the past or shanghaied by any gang of temporarily correct critics. It must be seen and judged by their contemporaries — and the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Need for effective local government

From Lord Hylton

Sir, Almost every other Western European country has effective regional authorities. In Galicia (Spain) last year, I noticed how the elected region was coordinating youth training with the restoration of historic monuments and tourism.

I wish such things happened in over-centralised England. I doubt whether our choice is solely between government-inspired reorganisation of existing local authorities and better training for existing councillors (letters, November 10, 15).

Mr Dennis Pettitt, on behalf of the Association of County Councils (November 10), seemed to me to be describing the role and functions of a regional authority. This should indeed have "the strategic capacity to plan" (for which even the largest county councils are too small).

Regions should not only "relate well to other public and private-sector institutions", they should have ultimate responsibility for the police, universities, health boards and public utilities (including public transport) serving their area. Above all they should be financially "robust and viable", and not dependent on annual subventions from the centre.

With such a system, we could have a much smaller House of Commons and one not dominated by government place-men, some of whom are beginning to masquerade as regional ministers (report, November 5).

May I also agree heartily with Lord Dahrendorf and colleagues (November 10) on democratic government for London. Since London is the capital city, would they consider including representation of national interests, since the City, foreign embassies, and central government itself, complicate existing problems?

At really local level, some years of service in a parish with 450 inhabitants convince me that parish councils could and should take on greater responsibilities, as suggested by Sir Archie Lamb (November 10).

Our largely unwritten constitution has served us well in the past. It now deserves comprehensive re-examination so that we may contribute more creatively to a plural but steadily integrating Europe.

Yours faithfully,
HYLTON,
House of Lords.

From Professor John O'Connell

Sir, Professor J. H. Slater (letter, November 10) questions the suitability of "part-time, amateur local politicians, usually with little experience or training in the matters over which they preside, to be the best custodians of council tax revenues". So he proposes training to improve "their accountability to the public through better assessment and evaluation of performance schemes and public auditing ...".

His letter prompts two questions. First, do not salaried local government officers provide the expertise in the "assessment and evaluation of performance schemes and public auditing" to guide councillors in making their political decisions? Secondly, and more importantly, are many councillors the part-time amateurs whom Professor Slater depicts? How widespread is the practice of councillors who are employees of neighbouring councils or other public institutions — particularly in the areas of education and social services — being released by their employers to spend much of their time as councillors, while continuing to have their salaries paid?

Perhaps one of the university centres for local government research would be interested in examining the extent of this practice.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN O'CONNELL,
678 Bradford Road, Bradley Bar,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.

Rushdie and freedom

From Mr John Shepherd

Sir, "Muslims everywhere" resent *The Satanic Verses*, says Dr Salah Ezz (letter, November 15). I wonder how they can form any opinion if, as he continues, "it has not been published anywhere in the Arab and Muslim world".

Further, if Mr Rushdie is to be "objective and enlightened" regarding attacks on his novel, how is this to be managed in the light of the violence against one of his publishers as outlined in the letter carried alongside and signed by members of the Publishers' Association?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SHEPHERD,
Fairfield,
Hillcrest Park,
Exeter, Devon.
November 15.

Wrong direction

From Mr Michael Cockerell

Sir, Mr Jack Porter's memory plays him false (letter, November 17). David Gower did not pull his first ball in Test cricket to the boundary; he drove it for four through the covers, as Sunday's television replays of the shot confirmed.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL COCKERELL,
27 Arundel Gardens, W11.
November 17.

Media choice of good and bad news

From Mrs Marion Singer

Sir, Dr Dorothy Rowe suggests ("The good/bad news debate", Media, November 17) that bad news simply reinforces a sense of self-righteous smugness at the sight of suffering being wreaked on those who are assumed thereby to be wrongdoers undeserving of help. This, to my way of thinking, is a slur upon humanity. A "just world", indeed!

Far more worrying is the feeling of despair that must be engendered in many by the endless dwelling upon man's inhumanity to man. Might we not come to believe that the continual recitation of every kind of evil is indicative of the inability of the human race to reach a higher level of development? This malaise of the spirit seems to have touched even our religious leaders, who seem strangely silent.

Good news is essential to foster a spirit of optimism and belief that the human race is capable of living in peace and love one with another. Martyn Lewis is to be congratulated for speaking out.

Yours faithfully,
MARION SINGER,
Balvonie Cottage,
Easterfield of Inshes, Inverness.
November 17.

From Mr Colin Ive

Sir, One-sided, negative reporting is by no means restricted to the national media. I have personal experience of the unbalanced views that are repeatedly published and broadcast at a local level.

As a firefighter and officer in charge of a country fire station serving some 20,000 people, I am often asked by the local media for details and comments on incidents I and my crews have attended. These I give, being careful to supply the whole story as we saw it and based upon our first-hand experiences. I am continually depressed to find, on publication, that many of the positive aspects of the information supplied have been lost to the editor's knife.

Last week for instance — together with other firefighters from nearby stations — we succeeded in preventing a severe fire from damaging more than 20 per cent of a large indoor riding arena, the rest of the structure remained sound and able to function fully. This was reported as "an indoor riding arena being severely damaged by fire". The loss of 60 per cent of the adjoining buildings was described in the report; there was no mention of the 40 per cent saved.

The real casualty as a result of this is truth. No lies were told in the reporting, but unbalanced reporting is as bad as printing lies.

Yours faithfully,
C. IVE,
9 Coleridge Avenue,
Yateley, nr Camberley, Surrey.
November 17.

From Mr Charles Clayton

Sir, Last August British newspapers could have run the momentous headline "Famine defeated in southern Africa", following the UN's declaration that the threatened drought-related famine, of which we had heard so much, had been finally averted. That story, although positive, ranked as newsworthy by any standards.

In September, newspapers did not bellow "Cambodian elections miraculously peaceful" with the same vigour as they had reported an earlier, and limited, spate of violence and kidnapping. Press coverage of the mayhem in Mogadishu over the past many months has not been balanced by stories headlined "Life and hope return to Somali villages".

All these stories are surely newsworthy in their own right. Why then did we not see them? Accuracy and balance in individual articles and stories is laudable. But an accurate overall balance — of good and bad news, of positive and negative developments over time — is equally important.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CLAYTON
(Executive Director),
World Vision UK,
Dychurch House,
8 Abington Street, Northampton.
November 18.

Patent Office future

From Mr R. C. Abnett and Dr J. M. Reid

Sir, The Lord Chief Justice said in a speech to Suffolk magistrates on November 9: "In order for a person properly to exercise judicial functions, he or she must not only be independent but feel independent and appear independent."

The Lord Chief Justice is right. Such people should not just be impartial, they should feel and appear impartial.

The government, however, is currently considering privatising the Patent Office. Every application for a patent or a trade mark involves the exercise of a judicial function: is the new idea no more than an obvious development from what has been done before, or is it truly an invention? Is this new brand name too close to an ordinary English word, or to an existing trader's mark, to be accepted as a distinguishing trade mark? These are judicial judgments. Indeed, adverse decisions can be, and are, appealed up to the Court of Appeal or even the House of Lords.

The Patent Office breaks even in financial terms. It costs the taxpayer nothing. Its sale will generate a small one-off benefit to the Exchequer that is trivial in fiscal terms. If it is put into private ownership the pathetically small monetary gain would be more than offset by the dangers of opening the door to bias, if not the suspicion of corruption, in the judicial process.

The Lord Chief Justice's words must be heeded. Justice has to remain within the hands of the state. It is totally improper for the government to seek to privatise the courts, the Patent Office, or other judicial tribunals. The Patent Office is the thin end of the wedge.

Yours faithfully,
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Institute of Trade Mark Agents),
J. M. REID (President,
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Canterbury House,
2-6 Sydenham Road,
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November 10.

Inadequate bail record

From Mr I. M. Baker

Sir, If the home secretary's declaration (report, November 10) that "Those who offend on bail, so called bail bandits, must not be allowed to get away with it" is to be converted from rhetoric to reality, he must ensure that those who consider whether to grant bail have accurate information before them. In many cases that come before magistrates' courts the prosecution is unable to say whether or not the defendant is already on bail.

Such basic items as the nature of the charge for which he is or may be on bail, the court involved, and the dates of last and next appearance are rare luxuries rather than the staple diet they would need to be under the supposed new and tougher regime.

Disputes between the Crown Prosecution Service and the police over whose responsibility it is to record and provide such information have never been resolved. In London, we have enjoyed the comparative benefit of having additional information kept on record cards by the court jailers. Of necessity, this is limited to information about the defendant's appearances at the instant court only.

This facility, which I am sure all magistrates have found helpful, is currently being wound down in anticipation of the privatisation of court escort and manning services which has already taken place in many areas outside London.

Effective attention to practical problems would be a refreshing development.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BAKER
(Metropolitan stipendiary magistrate),
Wells Street Magistrates' Court,
59-65 Wells Street, W1.

Museum transfers

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Your leader "Art for whose sake?" (November 13), in connection with the recent controversial selection of directors of our national museums and galleries omits the very real problem relating to the appointment of the authorities themselves — trustees.

For the most part this is the responsibility of the prime minister. But what in fact happens is that various interested people advocate names to the chairmen of the individual institutions. If persuaded, the candidate has a good chance.

At present, bankers, businessmen and ex-civil servants appear to be favoured above historians and intellectuals but women of whatever distinction are the front-runners. It is a dotty system and it is not working well.

And I wonder if the prime minister really cares.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
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CH-1800 Vevey, Switzerland.
November 13.

Heritage contrast

From Mrs B. S. G. Bumpus

Sir, According to your reports of November 18 the cost of restoring fire-ravaged Windsor Castle will be £30-40 million, and that of refurbishing the Louvre some £700 million.

There was criticism, you report, when Peter Brooke, the national heritage secretary, suggested that the British taxpayer foot the bill for the former. Yet "only a churl", you also report, would question the much heftier sum for the latter — a state-funded project.

Are the British churls? Or is it that the French put a higher value on a vacant royal palace than we do on a residential one? Imagine a situation in which M Mitterrand had adopted the Louvre's new Richelieu wing as his official residence. Would he have been made to raise the cash for restoration?

Are the French even more nostalgic than we are, or just more concerned collectively about their heritage?

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH BUMPUS,
39 Rudall Crescent, NW3.
November 18.

Coming to terms with speculation

From the Chief Executive of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir, You report (November 12) more criticism of the Church Commissioners over property. Other commentators speak of "speculative property investment".

This word "speculative" has acquired a double meaning. For the property industry it defines a building project for which specific end users have not been contracted when the development or refurbishment commences. For the media, it seems to be a term of abuse based somewhere between gambling and fraud.

Compare the way we describe other producers of commodities in our economy. The potato grower and the car manufacturer do not know who will eat or drive their products when they plant the seed or build the vehicle. They are not derided for growing speculative potatoes or making speculative cars.

Investors such as the Church Commissioners try to anticipate our needs for rented workspace in the future, and try to earn a modest return on capital by putting some of their assets into this process to balance others in gilts or equities.

Our economy needs investors who will take a view now on the type and location of workspace needed in several years by businesses which don't yet exist or don't yet realise they will want to expand. This is a serious contribution to the economy, not a gambler's game.

Perhaps the industry needs a new term of art to replace "speculative". But Britain needs people to create and own the space our businesses, large and small, will in the future want to rent to house their processes.

The Church Commissioners may have made some poor investment decisions, like many others at the time. But let us not doubt that property — our national workspace — is a proper field to be considered for investment by our major institutions.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL PATTISON,
Chief Executive,
The Royal Institution of
Chartered Surveyors,
12 Great George Street,
Parliament Square, SW1.
November 12.

Change for the better?

From Professor Emeritus J. F. Lamb

Sir, I was fascinated by Nicholas Bennett's use of the word "transformed" applied to the economy under the Thatcher government (letter, November 18). As an ex-minister he presumably meant "for the better", whereas the evidence suggests that "for the worse" would be more appropriate.

In 1979 we had around 6 per cent of world exports, now it is 5 per cent, thus reversing a trend set by the last Labour administration when John Smith was trade secretary. By contrast the (West) German figures rose from under 10 per cent to 12 per cent in this period. In world competitiveness we now have a mean position of 13th in the top 22 countries. The "pound in our pocket" is now worth less than 80 per cent abroad than in 1979.

I recommend to Mr Bennett a DTI/CBI report, "Innovation — the best practice", published in January this year, which gives these and many other figures.

Yours sincerely,
J. F. LAMB.
Kenbrae, Millbank, Cupar, Fife.
November 19.

From Mr J. F. M. Pickthorn

Sir, Freely fluctuating currencies are essential for international business. Without such fluctuations vast areas, such as the peripheries of Europe, which have poorer factors of production, will become wastelands for the unemployed.

Freely fluctuating currencies ensure that the values of imports and exports are met. If a country imports too much its currency declines until the decline causes its exports to increase.

If allowed to fluctuate properly, the variations are like gradual rolling downlands. If government interferes, the fluctuations become alpine — natural landscape for speculators and very difficult for industry. Beware the CBI's backing of a single currency (report, November 15; letters, November 17, 19).

Yours faithfully,
JAMES PICKTHORN,
45 Ringmer Avenue, SW6.

Partly furnished

From Mrs Jacqueline Woolass

Sir, On October 7 you published my letter regarding the slow reaction I had had in attempting to buy office furniture from catalogues.

The plot thickens. I have today received a catalogue with a letter which started: "We note with interest your remarks to the press."

Yours faithfully,
JACQUELINE WOOLASS,
The Physiotherapy Centre,
136 Braunstone Lane, Leicester.
November 17.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 20: The Duke of Edinburgh (President, National Playing Fields Association) was represented by Mr Christopher Laing at the Memorial Service for Mr Christopher Field which was held at St Peter's Church, Cornhill, London EC3, this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 20: The Prince Edward, Trustee, this morning attended The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scottish General Conference at the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan Castle, Kincardine, Alloa, Clackmannanshire. His Royal Highness this afternoon attended the Scotland versus New Zealand International Rugby Match, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost). Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence RN, this afternoon attended the Scotland versus New Zealand Rugby Match, Murrayfield, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 20: The Prince of Wales was represented by Major General Richard Keightley at the Memorial Service for Sir William Golding which was held in Salisbury Cathedral this afternoon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The Prince Edward, President, the Lord's Taverners, this evening attended a showing of the film *Aladdin* followed by a Dinner to honour Mr Tim Rice for his Oscar winning lyrics at the London Hilton, Park Lane, London W1. Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend a meeting of the Cambridge Programme for Industry at 1 Trumpington Street, Cambridge, at 10.30; and, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Downing College, Cambridge, will open the Maitland Robinson Library at the college at 11.55. Later, as Chairman of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, he will attend a trustees meeting at Trinity College at 2.30.

Prince Edward, as President of the Children's Film Unit, will attend a charity premiere of *Emily's Ghost* at the Prince Charles Cinema at 7.05; and will attend a dinner at the Café Royal at 8.40.

The Princess Royal, as President of RedR, Engineers for Disaster Relief, will attend the annual meeting at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 5.00.

Princess Margaret will attend a dinner at Headquarters Strike Command, RAF High Wycombe, at 7.30 to mark the 75th anniversary of the RAF. The Duke of Gloucester, the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra will also attend.

Memorial services

Sir Austin Robinson
A memorial service to Sir Austin Robinson was held on Saturday in the Chapel of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. The Rev Dr Ian Wallis, chaplain, officiated. Dr Geoffrey Harcourt read the lesson and Professor Gabriel Horn, master, read from Sir Austin's works. Sir Alec Cairncross, Chancellor of Glasgow University, and Mr Alan Hughes gave addresses.

Professor Muriel Bradbrook
A memorial service for Professor Muriel Bradbrook was held on Saturday at the University Church of Great St Mary, Cambridge. The Rev Hueston Finlay, Chaplain of Girton College, officiated. Lessons were read by the Mistress of Girton, Mrs J.J. d'A. Campbell and Dr J. Dusinberre. Professor Gillian Beer gave an address.

Canon James Owen
A memorial service for Canon James Owen was held on Saturday in the Chapel of Jesus College, Cambridge. The Dean of Jesus College officiated. Mr Anthony Bowen, Cambridge University Orator, read the lesson and the Right Rev Peter Walker gave an address.



ADRIAN BROOKS
A standard bearer in the Jewish ex-servicemen's remembrance parade pays his respects in front of the Cenotaph in London yesterday

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Richard Neville (The Kingmaker), Earl of Warwick and Earl of Salisbury, 1428; Dugald Stewart, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1753; Thomas Cook, pioneer of travel agencies, Melbourne, Derbyshire, 1808; George Eliot, novelist, Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, 1819; Justin McCarthy, novelist and historian, Cork, 1830; George Gissing, novelist, Wakefield, 1857; Cecil Sharp, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, London, 1859; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947, Paris, 1869; Charles de Gaulle, general, President of France 1958-69, Lille, 1890; Hoagy Carmichael, pianist and composer, Bloomington, Indiana, 1899; Benjamin Britten, Baron Britten, composer, Lowestoft, 1913.

DEATHS: Sir Martin Frobisher, navigator, Plymouth, 1594; John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury 1691-94, London, 1694; Robert Clive, Baron Clive of Plassey, Governor of Bengal, committed suicide, London, 1774; John Stackhouse, botanist, Bath, 1819; John Thadeus Delane, Editor of *The Times* 1841-77, Ascot, 1879; Sir Arthur Sullivan, composer, London, 1900; Jack London, novelist, Glen Ellen, California, 1916; Lorenz Hart, song writer, New York, 1943; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Cambridge, 1944; C.S. Lewis, writer, Oxford, 1963; Aldous Huxley, novelist, Los Angeles, 1963; John F. Kennedy, 35th American President 1961-63, assassinated, Dallas, 1963; Mae West, actress, Los Angeles, 1980.

Today is the feast day of Cecilia, the patron saint of music, singers and poets.

Juan Carlos de Bourbon was sworn in as the King of Spain, 1975.

Archaeology

Lost forts document Roman rule

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TWO forgotten Roman forts have been found in northern Britain, one in Yorkshire and the other in central Scotland. One offers evidence of the conquest of the new province of Britannia in the first century AD, the other the development of an elaborate defensive system on the northern frontier nearly a century later.

The earlier of the two forts was found on the banks of the Ure, near Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire, during work for the A1. A geophysical survey, carried out around the prehistoric monument known as the Devil's Arrows, instead identified what appeared to be a square fort with double ditches, and covering about eight acres.

Although this lay slightly outside the line of the road, buildings just east of it were excavated and provided evidence of industrial activity in the first century AD. "Most surprising of all was the fact that this extramural settlement was preceded by two earlier military phases," says Mike Bishop in *British Archaeological News*.

They were defended by box ramparts with timber framing, a defensive form fairly rare in Roman Britain, and the earliest fort used the river Ure as its northern ditch. Its buildings were erected by digging long trenches, in which posts were set up at intervals.

The second fort was slightly smaller, built a short distance to the south on slightly higher ground. All three forts were built, used, and abandoned within less than 15 years, Mr Bishop believes. The first probably dates to the campaign by the governor Petilius Cerealis against the powerful tribe of the Brigantes shortly after AD 71, and the location may have been abandoned in favour of a fort at Aldborough, where the Roman road of Dere Street crosses the Ure, around AD 85.

Dere Street was the main road from York into Scotland, and the second fort to be discovered lies near Falkirk. A Roman bathhouse was excavated in 1980, and recently Geoff Bailey of the local history society suggested that the fort lay near by to the west.

A development site in the vicinity became available, and with the aid of the "Walnuts", an amateur group who work on the archaeology of the Antonine wall (the Roman defences which cross the narrowest part of Scotland between Edinburgh and Glasgow), it was dug in two months.

The excavations showed that a native enclosure was obliterated by a Roman fort in about AD 140, and some 15 years later the Antonine wall was constructed through the area and abutted the north wall of the fort. Like the Yorkshire forts, it was used for only a decade or so: the frontier works were abandoned in about AD 165 and the area reverted to farming.

☐ Plans to build a tower for the cellular telephone network next to one of Scotland's most important prehistoric monuments have been abandoned. The change in plans follows picketing of the site earlier this year by archaeologists and the local MP Tam Dalyell.

The proposal by Hutchison Microtel to build the tower on Cairnpapple Hill, 15 miles west of Edinburgh, attracted immediate opposition. The hill has a series of neolithic and bronze age ritual and funerary monuments.

☐ Source: *British Archaeological News* 8:4

University news

Oxford
Linacre College
To honorary fellowships: Sir Christopher Harding and Gad Rausing.

Cambridge
Lucy Cavendish College
Baroness Perry has been elected as president of the college, taking over next July from Dame Anne Warburton who is retiring. Baroness Perry is a member of the prime minister's advisory panel on the citizen's charter. She was previously vice-chancellor of the South Bank University.

Liverpool
Professional appointments
Christine Gosden to the Chair of Medical Genetics; Michael Hoey to the Baines Chair of English Language; Christina Lyon to the Chair of Common Law; Margaret Pearson to the Chair of Health and Community Care.

The title of Professor has been conferred on the following: John Ashton, Senior Lecturer (Clinical) in the Department of Public Health. Since the title was conferred Professor Ashton has been appointed Director of Public Health, Mersey Regional Health Authority and Visiting Professor at the University of Liverpool.
Moss Maden, Reader in the Department of Civic Design.
William Marsden, Reader in the Department of Education.

European Union of Women

The European Union of Women under the Chairmanship of Mrs Tricia Birchley held their 6th European Ball at the Café Royal, Piccadilly, London on Saturday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.A.B. Gowland and Miss R.W. Read
The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of the late Mr and Mrs R. Blantyre-Gowland, and Rosalie, only daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel N.F. Read and of Mrs W.M. Read, of Hackthorn, Lincoln.

Mr D.W. McClelland and Miss L.A. Burgess
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Wilson McClelland, of Crawfordsburn, County Down, Northern Ireland, and Laura, younger daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs T.A. Burgess, of County Down, Northern Ireland.

Mr C.W. Milliken and Miss J.R. Davies
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of the late Mr Julian Milliken and of Mrs Julian Milliken, of Abinger Hammer, Surrey, and Rosa, younger daughter of Mr Austin Davies, of Ely, Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Harry Whitaker, of Cork, Ireland.

Mr D.C. Part and Miss C.L.M. Blake
The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mr David Part and Mrs Philip Amery, and Christabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Blake.

Marriage

Mr P.D. Pryor and Miss M.R. Palmer
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 13, 1993, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London, of Peter David, son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Pryor, and Melanie Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Palmer. Canon Geoffrey Brown officiated.

Birthdays today

The Right Rev Michael Adie, Bishop of Guildford, 64; Surgeon Rear-Admiral W.V. Beach, 90; the Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, 65; Mr Boris Becker, tennis player, 26; Mr Jon Cleary, novelist, 76; Mr Tom Conti, actor, 51; Mr Brian Dance, former headmaster, St Dunstan's College, 64; Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, director, Defence Nursing Services, 54; Mr Terry Gilliam, film animator, 53; Sir Peter Hall, director of plays, films and opera, 63; Mr Stephen Hough, concert pianist, 32; Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, physiologist, 76; Mrs Billie Jean King, tennis player, 50; Mrs Pat Koechlin-Smythe, showjumper, 65; Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 40; Mr Neil McGrath, racehorse trainer, 37; Mr Peter McMaster, civil servant, 62; Mr John Newman, trades unionist, 62; Mr Justice Owen, 68; Mr R.M. Reeve, headmaster, King's College School, Wimbledon, 59; the Earl of Romney, 83; Sir Michael Walker, diplomat, 77.

Service dinners

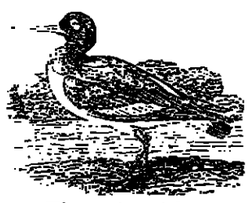
22nd Regiment Royal Artillery (The Welsh Gunners)
The annual reunion dinner was held by the Officers of 22nd Regiment Royal Artillery (The Welsh Gunners) in the Officers' Mess, Rapier Barracks, Kirton in Lindsey, on Saturday, November 20. Major General M.F.L. Shellard, CBE, Honorary Regimental Colonel, was in attendance.

RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association
The annual reunion dinner of the RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association was held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly. Squadron Leader H. Vernon presided.

Nature notes

ALMOST half the oystercatchers of Europe winter on the coasts of Britain and Ireland. They are noisy, black-and-white birds with long red beaks, and feed when they can on cockles and mussels, which sometimes leads to conflict with fishermen. There may be thousands of them together on some estuaries, but paired birds usually stay near each other in the crowd, and will breed with each other again in the spring. Dunlins often search nearby for sand worms: when they go up in a flock, they bank and wheel in perfect unison, all dark brown one moment, all flashing their silvery undersides the next. Farmland birds also come down to the shore: linnets and greenfinches hunt for seeds, and song thrushes find snails among the marram grass.

Many bramble bushes are covered with vivid red leaves; stinging nettles are still bright green. The crumbling bracken on the heaths is purple and brown. White dead-nettle continues to blossom on the roadside: its hooded white flowers are flushed with green, and if you turn them upside down, you can see the gold and black stamens lying side by side under the corolla like human figures. DJM


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MEAD - Mrs. Elra Mead, David and family wish to thank all relatives, friends and colleagues of the late Dr. Ann Mead for their kindness, letters, messages of condolence, donations and many floral tributes received during their sad loss.

BIRTHS

DAVIES - On November 10th 1993, to Caroline (née Berry) and Mark, a son Ben, a brother for Tom.

JOLLY - To Poppy (née Renwick) and Richard on 10th November, a son Nicholas Harold Parker, a brother for Jasper.

JONES - On 18th November to Nicola (née Chatwin) and Richard, a son, Freddie.

LANG - On November 16th at the Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Sackville-West) and Jonathan, a son Leo John Bertrand, a brother for Clementine.

McCARTHY - On November 14th to Richard and Grace, a fourth daughter Mary-Ann Sarah.

O'KEEFE - On November 9th 1993 to Colette (née Hartnoll) and Peter, a son Calum Richard.

SHENTOB - On November 17th at the Portland Hospital, to Michelle (née Lewis) and Robert, a beautiful daughter Sarah Joanna.

WALFORD - Emma, on 14th November to Catherine (née O'Flaherty) and Thomas.

DEATHS

BALLANTINE DYKES - On November 17th peacefully, surrounded by his family, following 5 years of illness bravely fought, Joceph, very loving and dearly loved husband of Mary, father of Thomas, Jody and Hugh, and a devoted and proud Grandpa. Greatly valued by his relatives and many friends. Funeral service at St. Lawrence, Seale, Farnham, Friday 26th November at 10 am, followed by private cremation. Service and interment of ashes at Brideldrk, Cumbria to be announced later. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

BENNETT - Marjorie May of The Hyde, Great Missenden, passed away peacefully on November 18th. Devoted wife of Ronald Orton, deeply loved by her children, her daughter-in-law and grand children. Funeral 30th November. All enquiries to David Bishop, Funeral Directors, High Wycombe, (0494) 529193

DOWNIE - On Friday 19th November 1993 peacefully at home, Margaret Walker beloved wife of the late Tom, loving mother of Patricia, Gillian and Donald, and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Clydebank Crematorium, North Dalnottar on Tuesday 23rd November at 10am. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Crossroads, c/o Buchanan, Rowmore, Rhu. G84 8LH.

EDWARDS - Peter Lloyd, on 18th November aged 57 years, at home at Heswall, Wirral after a courageous fight against cancer. A most deeply loved husband, father, son and son-in-law and dear friend to many. Cremation Service at Landican Crematorium, Wirral on Tuesday 23rd November, followed by a service at Heswall Methodist Church at 1.45, to celebrate Peter's rich life, to which all will be welcome. No flowers but donations if desired to Macmillan Nurses Fund, or the R.N.L.I. may be sent c/o T.A. Ball Funeral Services, 95 Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead, Wirral. Tel: 051 652 4974.

FAURE WALKER - Betty (née Fordham) in peace after a short illness at the Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge on November 20th. Deeply loved wife of Billy, mother of Harry, Janie, and Teddy and grandmother of Alice, William, Henry, Peggy, John, Mark, Katie and Robert. Funeral will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 25th November at All Saints, Sandon, Nr Buntingford. Family flowers only, but gifts by way of remembrance would be welcomed by Christian Aid, London.

GLENDINNING - On 18th November, 1993 suddenly at home, David, husband, father and friend of all. Details from A.B. Walker & Son Ltd. Tel (0734) 573660. No flowers. Donations, if desired to British Heart Foundation.

DEATHS

GRIFFITHS - Peacefully on November 18th at Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli, William Howard, Cairnsmuir, Llanelli. Beloved husband of Barbara, devoted father of Amanda and Christopher, grandfather of Nicholas and Jac and brother of Pam. Memorial Service at Holy Trinity Church, Felinfoel, Llanelli, Tuesday November 23rd at 12.15pm, followed by private cremation. Immediate family flowers only. Donations to The Llanelli Dinefwr Hospice Appeal c/o Barclays Bank, Vaughan Street, Llanelli.

HICKS - Dr Charles M.B., C.H.D., of Clent and Bellbroughton Worcestershire. Beloved husband of Barbara, peacefully at home Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church Bellbroughton Friday 26th November at 2 pm.

HINDE - On November 17th peacefully in Nangwki Cottage Hospital, Cicely beloved wife of Douglas, both of Loldaiga Hills, in her 90th year.

HIND - Peacefully on 18th November in hospital, Kenneth, aged 73 years, of Cherley Drive, Fulwood, Sheffield. Beloved husband of Dorothy and dear father of Philip. Service at Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium, Sheffield, Friday 26th November at 3.30pm. No flowers please, but donations payable to M.I.N.D. may be sent to John Heath & Sons 4-16 Earsham Street, Sheffield S4 7LS.

HOLLINS - Pamela aged 74 on 18th November peacefully at Highfield Manor Nursing Home, Bideford. Dearly loved daughter of the late Col and Mrs Hollins, much loved sister of her brother Hubert. Cremation Wednesday 24th November 2pm, Barnstable. No flowers, donations to RSPB.

JOHNSON - On November 15th suddenly at home, Cicely Mary Fermor, will be very sadly missed by her family and friends. Funeral Service at Aldenham Church on Thursday November 25th at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium. No flowers by request, donations if desired to the RSPB or the RNLI c/o E Spark Ltd, 106 Pinner Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 1BS.

JORDAN - On November 19th peacefully in hospital, Michael Gerald, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Audrey, dear father of Naomi, friend of Andrew and grandfather of Oliver. Private family funeral.

DEATHS

KEENE - On Thursday 18th November 1993 John Vernon, beloved father of Charles and Caroline, and devoted grandfather died peacefully at home. Funeral Service Thursday 25th November 11.30 am at St Mary's Church, Oxted. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to NSPCC, 67 Saffron Hill, London EC1N 8RS.

OBOTT - Hilda Frances passed away on November 18 1993 at Sherbourne House, Warwick. Service at Oakley Wood Crematorium, Warwick on Friday November 26th at 10.15 am.

POWELL - On November 19th 1993, peacefully at home, Tim, aged 81. Devoted husband of the late Jane, most dearly loved father of Libby and Antonia, very special grandfather, friend to so many. Funeral service at Bibury Parish Church on Saturday November 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to The Royal Brompton Hospital (Asthma Research), Fulham Road, SW3.

RICHARDSON - Michael Allan DFC peacefully at Windsor on November 18th. Loving and supportive husband of Kate and of their four children - "Old Poppa" to nine grandchildren - Chairman of Brenard Press, Heathrow. By request no flowers but donations to Travelcare, Queens Building, Heathrow Airport his especial charity. Details of funeral 081 759 1235

SELBY - On November 18th peacefully in Wrecclesham Grange Nursing Home, Aurigny, most beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private.

TAYLOR - On November 18th at Charing Cross Hospital following a stroke, Catherine (nee Taylor) aged 85, beloved wife of the late Percy Taylor of Mauritius, and much loved mother of Derek, David, Pauline, Maureen and Michael. Funeral service on Friday 26th November at St Mary's Church, Edith Road, London, W14 at 11 am. Funeral Directors F.W.Paine. 071 385 1088

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SCOTT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lt. Col. Sir James Walter Scott Bt. will be held at noon on Wednesday November 24th in the Guards Chapel.

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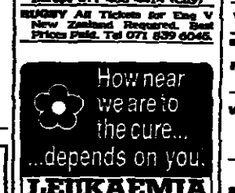
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COLONEL GEORGE KIDSTON-MONTGOMERIE

Colonel George Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan, DSO, MC, former cavalry commander and wartime leader of armoured forces, died on November 5 aged 86. He was born on August 8, 1907.

MONTGOMERY once described George Kidston as "the finest commander of an armoured regiment in the Eighth Army". Certainly he was one of the most intrepid, and stories abounded of his coolness under fire. It was said of him that he brought to armoured advances the dash and verve of the cavalry era. When one "mount" was killed under him, he coolly summoned another and continued the attack.

Perhaps the most famous of such occasions was when, in the heat of a particularly fierce desert battle, he called up his second-in-command and ordered calmly: "Peter, come here and swap tanks, mine is on fire." The swap duly took place, but with British armour under heavy attack from the German 15th and 21st Panzer divisions in the fighting around Sidi Rezegh, Kidston's second tank was also hit and he had to transfer to yet another.

Born George Kidston, his was an Army career steeped in the traditions of the cavalry. Educated at Eton, from where he went to Sandhurst, he was, in 1926, commissioned into the 12th Royal Lancers, then still horsed. Throughout his career he was to command four different cavalry regiments, a fact which was in itself a tribute to his powers of leadership. It is never very easy for a famous regiment to have an officer brought in from outside to command it. But Kidston soon showed his value, always being where he was most needed on the battlefield and never demanding of others that which he could not do himself. He was very much a man who led by example.

In the 12th Royal Lancers Kidston served in Egypt where, in 1928, the regiment converted to armoured cars. In Egypt Kidston took part in some of the British Army's early armoured reconnaissance patrols, an experience which was to stand him in good stead later in the cauldron of the fighting in North Africa. Though he might attack with the verve of a cavalry commander, Kidston early recognised — as some cavalry contemporaries did not — that horseflesh and armour required different handling in battle.

He also took to polo, becoming an accomplished player; the 12th won the inter-regimental cup in 1936.

On the outbreak of war in 1939 Kidston was seconded as adjutant of the newly-raised 4th County of London Yeomanry (the Sharpshooters) and in 1941 went to Egypt as second-in-command of the regiment. He was later to take command when the CO was wounded. In November 1941, at Sidi Rezegh, in some of the most sanguinary fighting of the whole desert campaign, the Sharpshooters were involved in attacks which have been compared in their ardour with the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. In assaults of great gallantry against well dug in artillery they, too, suffered heavy losses. Kidston was awarded the MC for his inspirational leadership during this battle.

Sent back to Cairo to refit and make good its losses in tanks and guns, the regiment returned to the fighting in 1942. Again it suffered heavily in men and equipment as Rommel, then at his high tide, pushed the Eighth Army back to the Alamein line.

At the end of the Gazala battle in June 1942 Kidston was briefly switched to take command of the King's Dragoon Guards, then equipped with armoured cars, before being appointed, in the following month to command his original regiment, the 12th Royal Lancers. He led the regiment through the battles of Alam Halfa and Alamein and continued in command throughout the pursuit of the Afrika Corps which



ended in the German capitulation at Tunis the following year. It was in these actions that he attracted the attention of Montgomery for his swiftness in pursuit of the retreating Germans, thereby keeping up the pressure and increasing the enemy's difficulties.

In 1944 Kidston returned home and between then and the end of the war had several other temporary commands. In August 1945 he was appointed to command the amalgamated 3/4 County of London Regiment in Germany and in 1946-47 he led the Inns of Court Regiment.

In 1947 he took command of the 4th Hussars who were, in August 1948, posted to Malaya, where what was to become a long state of emergency had just begun. In the jungle campaign again communist insurgents Kidston again showed himself to be an inspiring leader. He was assiduous in making sure that the needs of his men were catered for in an environment that was new to many of them. They were the first cavalry regiment to be posted to Singapore during the crisis, which had burst on the unsuspecting heads of the civilian population and the garrison consisting of Gurkhas and three British infantry battalions, only two months previously.

There was time for a little light diversion, too, as when he gathered his officers together, summoned a tailor and had them all kitted out in a special campaign uniform of his own suave design, not, he assured them to be worn in the jungle, merely when travelling in armoured cars. But, again, the sense of fun masked a determination and seriousness of purpose when it came to the actual fighting. Kidston was always prepared to set the pace, undertaking the most arduous jungle patrols, on foot as well as in armoured cars. He remained in command of the regiment until his retirement in 1949.

After that he lived as a country gentleman. On the death of his mother, a granddaughter of the 14th Earl of Eglinton, in 1948, Kidston had succeeded to the Scottish feudal barony of Southannan, of which she had been heiress. Thereafter he took the extra surname of Montgomerie and the style of Kidston-Montgomerie of Southannan.

A brilliant shot and a fine fisherman, he was a genial host and took a great part in many charities. He achieved the double of being a member of HM Bodyguard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms as well as the Royal Company of Archers. From 1965 to 1969 he was Colonel of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars. He was a Deputy Lieutenant and JP for Wiltshire.

His wife Lydia died in 1991. He is survived by his son and daughter.

JOHN BALL

John Ball, detective, died on October 25 aged 90. He was born in London on July 5, 1903.



JOHN BALL was a patient, quietly spoken detective, stalking his man with guile. A member of Scotland Yard's murder squad in the days when homburg hatted officers would be dispatched across Britain to help local forces baffled by mysterious killings, he became a famous figure in the 1950s.

In 1954 he solved the riddle of the disappearance of six-year-old Mary Hackett who vanished from her home in Halifax, Yorkshire. Arriving in the town he decided the fact the body of the little girl had not been found could only mean the killer had time to hide her carefully which meant he must be local and still in the area.

He ordered fresh searches and local officers reported that they had noticed rubbish left in the basement of a church opposite the Hackett home had been tidied in one corner since their last visit. Suspecting that the church caretaker, George Albert Hall, might be a prime suspect, Ball built up a rapport with him. Dropping in for tea with Hall he noticed the furniture pile now included two cans of paint which had been left with the lids removed as though the fumes were concealing something. Hidden below the pile police found the body of the little girl.

There was still not enough proof against Hall but the Yard man persevered. He discovered that on the day the body was found Hall had told a doctor precisely how she had been killed although the police themselves did not know until the end of a post mortem six hours after the conversation. Arrested, Hall was found to have kept a bizarre diary in which he recorded the progress of the murder hunt taking place around him. He went to the gallows.

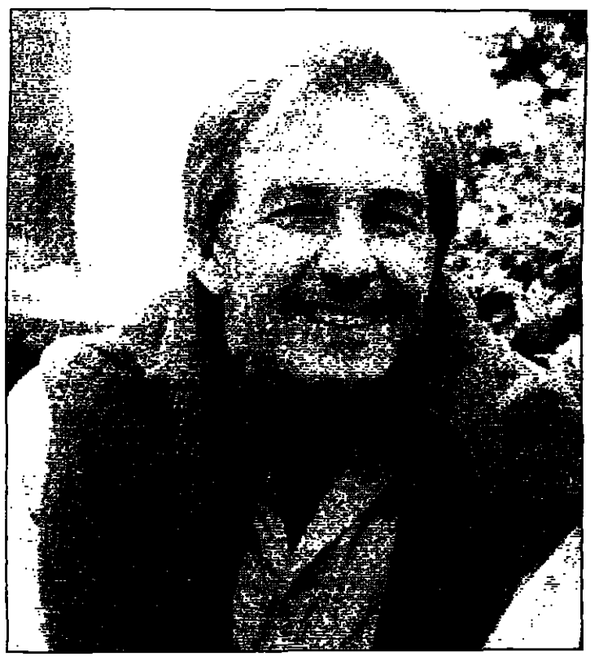
Ball started his working life as a barrister's clerk but hankered for more excitement. He went on the beat in King's Cross in 1925 and then moved to CID work.

In 1946 he solved the murder of Elizabeth McLindon, the housekeeper to the exiled King of Greece, who was shot at her Belgravia home. The culprit proved to be her lover.

After solving nine more murders, at Chelsea, Ball moved, in 1939, to the Yard. In 1953 he was co-ordinator of intelligence for the Queen's coronation. In 1955 he became assistant to the head of CID across northwest London. He retired in 1957 and became head of security for the National Greyhound Racing Association.

He married Anne McKenzie in 1931. They had a son and daughter.

MICHAEL FISHLOCK



Michael Fishlock, LVO, former principal architect at the Property Services Agency and Surveyor to the Royal Academy of Arts, has died aged 62. He was born on May 28, 1931.

MICHAEL FISHLOCK's name was not well known in architecture. This was because he did not work for himself as a private practitioner, exhibiting his gifts as a designer in unusual buildings of the imagination; he was not so much interested in making new buildings as protecting old ones of quality or historical importance, and preferred to bury himself in government departments away from the glare of publicity.

He justly regarded his part in the restoration of Hampton Court Palace after the fire of 1986 which badly damaged the building as his most important achievement. In this task his contribution went far beyond restoration; the research he carried out and the discoveries he made during the restoration process added greatly to our understanding both of the building of Wolsey's original palace and Wren's brilliant addition to it.

Michael Fishlock was born in Leytonstone, Essex, educated at Buckhurst Hill Grammar School and trained as an architect at the Polytechnic of North London. He had worked in various local government offices before architectural school (in Epping District Council as a surveyor, for example, when he was 16) and continued his studies in historic building conservation and in management through the Universities of York and Oxford while employed, first by the London Borough of Sutton, and then, until 1972, by the Ministry of Public Works.

It was after this that he became Regional Architect for North and South America at the Foreign Office, going on to take over as the Principal Architect at the Property Services Agency design office where, in 1977, he was put in charge of the Royal Parks and Palaces Group, a position of considerable distinction for a man who, still in his forties, had made his own way through the system with great determination.

This last job at the PSA put him in control of operations after the disastrous fire which destroyed Sir Christopher Wren's state apartments at Hampton Court. Having learnt a good deal from the study of methods used after the York Minster fire of a few years earlier (and through co-operation in the restoration of Uppark House after the fire there a little later), Fishlock saw the vital necessity of following 17th-century ways of construction in the work to be done.

He found, moreover, and hardly surprisingly, that there had been a deterioration in certain other associated parts of the structure over three centuries which was corrected at the same time, the whole being carried out under his supervision as an exercise in first rate reproduction. While that accomplishment alone satisfied a real concern for both accuracy in historical detail and high standards of building efficiency, his enthusiasm for the job was of a much wider kind.

It brought him close to Wren's ideas — particularly those to do with achieving a magnificent transition over a century-and-a-half between the old world of Cardinal Wolsey and the order of the geometry of the modern Renaissance — which naturally fascinated him; he appreciated that although Wren never compromised on account of the presence of Tudor work, he nevertheless respected it fully.

Yet in uncovering Wren's structure, Fishlock made further discoveries, one of the most interesting being the method of insulation employed: the floor depths were packed with sacks of seashells from the Thames estuary, an invention that was not only most effective for sound and heat, but which also turned out to be fire resistant. If it had not been for that, Fishlock said, the spread of the fire would have been far worse.

The seashells were washed and replaced. And then there was the imprint of a man's palm found in the plaster behind some panelling, at first thought to be that of the plasterer, but which an expert believes to be Wren's — a form of signature, possibly, that can now be seen by the public. These and other clues to the character of the country's finest architect so inspired Fishlock that he wrote his book, *The Great Fire at Hampton Court*, which was published in 1992.

When Fishlock retired from the Property Services Agency in 1990, his job for the palace completed, he was a natural candidate for the post of Surveyor to the Royal Academy. He also became conservation consultant for the architectural firm of Arnold & Boston.

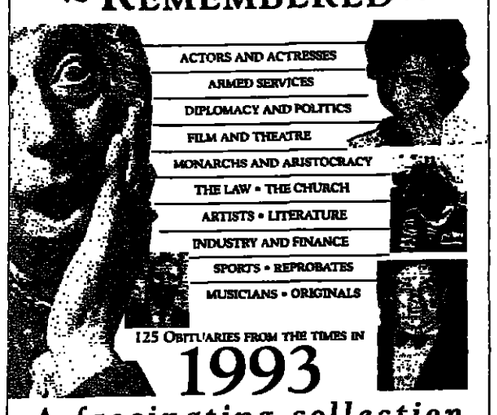
Fishlock was a man of wide interests (to name but one, he was passionately taken with the follies Edward James built in Mexican jungles, twice going out there to visit them), he was patient (had learnt out to be from his life in bureaucratic jobs), and was so conscientious and knowledgeable that the RA, always very careful in making a choice for this job, was sure the old building could be entrusted to him. He was also courageous: no one at the Academy was made aware of how ill with cancer he was during those three years.

He was elected a fellow of rhe Society of Antiquaries and appointed LVO in 1991.

Michael Fishlock is survived by four sons. His marriage to Brenda Watson was dissolved in 1975.

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ANNA STEN

Annel Stenskaja Sudakevitch, better known as the film actress Anna Sten, died in New York on November 12 aged 84. She was born in Kiev on December 3, 1908.

SHE was to have been the next Greta Garbo; at least, that was the ambition of Samuel Goldwyn, who brought Anna Sten to Hollywood in the early 1930s to the accompaniment of the full "star" treatment. But despite her undoubted beauty and considerable acting talent, Sten somehow failed to appeal to the American public, and her films did poorly at the box office.

She became known in the industry as "Goldwyn's Folly"; a prime example of how, even in the golden age of the studio system, the best-laid plans of Hollywood moguls sometimes went awry. The failure was not entirely her fault; as an actress she was not bad, simply just not that good.

The daughter of a Russian ballet master and a Swedish mother, Anna (better known to home audiences by her diminutive, Anjuschka) Stenskaja Sudakevitch began her acting career with Stanislavsky's Moscow Art Theatre and subsequently appeared in a number of Soviet films in 1927-28 before moving to pre-Hitler Germany.

It was in Germany that her performance as the unprincipled hussy who causes the protagonist's downfall, in the 1931 film *Der Mörder Dimitri Karamasoff* (*The Murderer Dmitri Karamazov*), brought her to Goldwyn's attention. Like many European actresses before her she was lured to Hollywood in a blaze of publicity.

The chosen vehicle for Sten's American debut in 1934 was a version of Zola's classic novel of Paris high and low life, *Nana*, in which she played the title role. Reviewers who had had to wait three years for this debut, while Goldwyn had kept them in suspense with every publicity device he could think of, were not in forgiving mood when it finally came. The critics panned her performance as "wooden though exotic", but she got better reviews for her sensitive portrayal of a wronged servant in *We Live Again* later that year.

Neither film, however, was a financial success, and it was clear that the bid to turn Sten into another Garbo or Marlene Dietrich was in trouble. Goldwyn made one last attempt in 1935, starring her opposite Gary Cooper in *The Wedding Night*, but then conceded that he had made an expensive mistake and cancelled her contract.

Sten continued to appear in occasional films, the last in 1962, but devoted most of her time to a semi-professional career as a painter. In 1960 she appeared briefly as Jenny in the long-running New York production of the Brecht-Weill *The Threepenny Opera*, and later toured with the play.

Anna Sten's first marriage, to Russian-born film director Fedor Ozep, ended in divorce. Her second husband, director-producer Eugene Frank, whom she married in the 1930s, died five years ago.



Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

Rear Admiral M.A.C. Moore to be promoted Vice Admiral and to be Chief of Staff to Commander Allied Naval Forces Southern Europe in succession to Vice Admiral Sir David Dobson in January 1994.

CAPTAIN: B. Leighton — Staff of 2SL/CINCNAVHOME 06.05.94; S.A. Locke — Ordnance Board 18.02.94.

COMMANDER: R.T. Dore — Centurion 20.05.94; C.R. Thorpe — Coventry 13.05.94; S.R. Wilkinson — MOD London 03.05.94.

SURGEON COMMANDER (D): M.W. Weston — Invincible 11.03.94.

MAJOR: H. De Jager — JACIG 04.06.94.

Retirements

COMMODORE: N.J. Barter — 20.10.94.

COMMANDER: S. Radley — 20.01.94.

CHAPLAIN: T.W. Harris — 15.01.94.

The Army

COLONELS: P.C. Cook — to MOD, 22.11.93; SWJ Saunders — to BDLS/MA CANBERRA, 24.11.93.

LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: C.M. Eastland R Signals — to MOD, 28.11.93; M.J. Hampson RA — to HQ DRA, 22.11.93; R.P.M. Rendall RLC — to MOD, 24.11.93; R.E. Toland RLC — to MOD, 22.11.93; T.N. Tyler REME — to MOD, 22.11.93; J.D.V. Wooley QRL — to HQ EPISKOPI Gar, 22.11.93; J.R.W. Pullinger Para — to MOD, 22.11.93.

Retirements

COLONELS: M.K. Carson late R Signals, 24.11.93; R.C. Deacon late RAMC, 23.11.93.

Royal Air Force

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson to be Commander-in-Chief Allied Forces North West Europe on July 1, 1994.

AIR COMMODORE: J.B. Symonds — To HQ RAFSC 5.11.93.

GROUP CAPTAIN: S.G. Dorward — to HS RAFSC 19.11.93; I.C.H. Dick — to ICAOC SEMBACH 22.11.93; D.G. Hawkins — to MOD 22.11.93.

WING COMMANDER: R.J. Woodroffe — to D of R&S (RAF) 22.11.93; A.M. Gordon — to RAF SHAWBURY 22.11.93.

THE DEATH OF TOLSTOY.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

ST PETERSBURG, Nov. 21

In accordance with Count Tolstoy's wishes, he will be buried in the mound at Yasnaya Poliana which was his favourite playground in his childhood. No religious ceremony will accompany the burial tomorrow. This was also his wish. Count Tolstoy requested that neither wreaths nor flowers should be placed on his coffin, but the family have decided to allow friends to do as they please in this respect.

The body, clothed in peasant dress, was conveyed today in a plain oak coffin by special train direct from Astapovo to the station near Yasnaya Poliana. Countess Tolstoy and the family travelled in the same train.

Crowds, among whom peasants predominated, came to bid farewell to the great writer yesterday. Travellers alighted from passing trains at Astapovo to pay their respects to the dead. Young and old, rich and poor, reverently kissed his hand and brow. Every one brought an offering of flowers or fir-branches and prayed for the soul of the departed.

During the intervals of lucidity which preceded death County Tolstoy dictated the following farewell message to his friends:

"I am going away, but others remain who understand the purport of this life, and to them it will be given to carry out that which I aimed at doing and failed."

The family wish to buy the homely dwelling where Tolstoy died and to transfer it intact to Yasnaya Poliana.

THE HOLY SYNOD

The Holy Synod's interdict on any religious observances on the occasion of Tolstoy's death deeply shocks the Russian nation. It seems that the prelates hesitated until they heard that Tolstoy had expressed a wish to be buried without religious rites. After that they decided that no departure from the writ of excommunication was possible. The resentment is none the less keen.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE DUMA

The Duma adjourned today after sitting for five minutes. The President, M. Guchkoff, said: "A great sorrow has befallen our country. Count Leo Nikolaievitch Tolstoy is dead. May the All-merciful God open the doors of His Kingdom to this great genius, who is the pride of Russia and the glory of humanity. I propose that, as a mark of sorrow, that the House adjourn its labours."

Only M. Purishkevitch and a handful of his friends remained sitting. The majority of the Extreme Right and all the Clerical members had previously retired. Amid some uproar and much protest M. Zamyslovsky, a Reactionary, spoke against the proposal on the ground that Tolstoy was not a Deputy and had been an enemy of both Church and State. The Extreme Right subsequently passed a resolution denouncing Tolstoy.

The Octobrists met this afternoon to discuss the Synod's interdict. Count Kapnist said: "We cannot admit that the Russian people should be forbidden to pray for the repose of the soul of Tolstoy."

ON THIS DAY

November 22 1910



Leo Tolstoy, born in 1828, died on November 20 in a railwayman's hut at Astapovo. His denunciation of some of the ritual of the Church had led to his excommunication in 1901.

NEWS

Budget will attack welfare state

■ A political storm erupted last night as it emerged that the Chancellor intends to use the Budget next week to mount the first stage of the government's onslaught on the welfare state.

As further details were leaked of the government's plans to dismantle parts of the welfare state, the Opposition claimed that the proposals amounted to "wholesale fraud, assault and robbery" on social security benefits .....Page 1

Anger in court as man is cleared

■ Fury broke out in court yesterday as a man was cleared of murdering Nikki Allan, the seven-year-old girl whose stabbed and battered body was found in a derelict building the day after she disappeared near her home in Sunderland 13 months ago. Sharon Prest, the girl's mother fainted as the jury foreman announced a verdict of not guilty on George Heron.....Page 1

Chill goes on

More snow is on the way, forecasters warned last night, as winter made its earliest strike on parts of Britain for more than 20 years. Some roads were closed but British Rail was optimistic that it would operate an almost normal service today..... Page 1

Trade dispute

Top trade negotiators for Europe and America prepared to meet in Washington today to resolve the dispute holding up a trade liberalisation deal which could inject billions of dollars into the world economy..... Pages 1, 12

Image makers

South Africa is about to receive its first lesson in the manipulative arts of Western electioneering. Both Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk have turned to teams of British image makers as they attempt to sell themselves and their parties ..... Pages 1, 13

Killer dog

A boy aged 7 was savaged to death by a mastiff-cross dog as he built a snowman on a playing field near his home at Middlesbrough, Cleveland ..... Page 1

Secrets out

Winston Churchill's secret wartime intelligence archive is to be declassified and released to the Public Record Office "within a matter of weeks," Whitehall officials have confirmed. The files could reveal new evidence on wartime controversies, such as British advance knowlege of the attack on Pearl Harbor ....Page 4

Booze exodus

The number of Britons visiting French supermarkets has soared in the last weeks as the pre-Christmas hunt for bargain drink and tobacco across the Channel gets into full swing .....Page 5

Italians vote

Italians voted in mayoral elections seen as a dress rehearsal for a spring general election to determine Italy's prospects for unified survival. Opinion polls put left-wing parties ahead in Rome, Naples, Palermo, Genoa, Venice and Trieste ..... Page 10

Santa airdrop

American, French and German transport planes will dump thousands of teddy bears and toys as well as warm clothing on the snow-clogged villages of central Bosnia today in an operation called "Provide Santa" ....Page 11

Kennedy mania

From the President down, America has rejected the official version of the Dallas assassination as the Kennedy myth goes marching on, with a spate of newspaper articles and books ..... Page 12

Ulster resists

John Major's upbeat assessment of peace chances in Ulster appeared premature when politicians across the political spectrum rounded on proposals from London and Dublin. Downing Street moved to allay backbench concern that Ian Paisley's party could be left out of the peace process.....Page 2

Blowing the whistle on goal scorers

■ Only days after the England football team's ignominious exit from the World Cup, the country's future stars are in trouble. The best teams in a local boys' league have been told to stop scoring so many goals or face expulsion. It demoralises the opposition and, in these politically correct times in which equality is all, that would never do..... Page 3



Relatives of the 12 children and teacher killed in last week's minibus crash left flowers at the M40 near Warwick yesterday. Report, page 1

BUSINESS

Regulator sued: The Securities and Investments Board, the City's senior regulator, is being sued for £7 million damages by a trading company and the trustees of its pension scheme. Melton Medes says the regulator wrongly disclosed pension information ..... Page 40

Image brush-up: Consultants are being used by British Rail to smarten up its workforce. Other companies spruced up include Prudential, Marks & Spencer and Heron Motor Group .....Page 38

£18m boost: Peter Wood, founder of Direct Line, insurance subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Scotland, tripled his earnings to £18 million last year ..... Page 40

SPORT

Tennis: Michael Stich of Germany produced 27 aces on his way to a surprise 7-6 2-6 7-6 6-2 victory over the world's No 1, Pete Sampras of America, in the ATP world championship final in Frankfurt.Page 22

Rugby Union: Philip de Glanville will return against the All Blacks at Twickenham on Saturday only four weeks after sustaining an eye injury. He will start an international for the first time in place of Bath colleague Jeremy Guscott, who has a groin injury ..... Page 21

Snooker: Jimmy White, the defending champion, was knocked out of the Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship at Preston by Darren Morgan of Wales.Page 23

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Dalek or doctor? After 11 months serving as Director-General of the BBC, John Birt, who was labelled a "Dalek" by one of his many critics, may in fact have prescribed the right medicine for the survival of the BBC ..... Page 14

Royal footnote: Members of royalty have long been known as enthusiasts of white shoes. Now it seems that the white stiletto has gained the high-fashion seal of approval. Fashion tips..... Page 15

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Winning play: TV sequels are usually a bad idea, but *To Play The King*, follow-up to *House of Cards*, looks like another cracker.Page 33

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Winnie Mandela was sitting in a car next to her driver and bodyguard when he was shot and killed by a black gunman in Johannesburg Page 21



Alan Duncan (Rutland and Melton) is one of the Tory MPs manfully fighting a wave of political correctness sweeping Britain Page 7



Three goals from Andy Cole saw Newcastle United defeat Liverpool 3-0 at St James' Park in the FA Carling Premiership Page 21

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A family practice

■ A husband and wife resolved their concern over who should look after the children by opting to share the job of assistant solicitor at the same office. Claire Cohen meets the perfect partners

Up before the beak

■ A talking parrot may give evidence at a US murder trial. With humans acting like animals, is it surprising that birds and animals act like humans?

Knowing how to like

■ On the day the Turner Prize is awarded, Richard Cork reveals the secret of enjoying modern art

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Trying to persuade persistent truants to return to the classroom is not a job one would wish on anybody. *Educating Stephen* (Channel 4, 9pm).....Page 39

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The limits of aid

If a weary world decides that no party in Bosnia wants peace, it may ask why it is risking its troops' lives there. Aid convoys can be halted, the troops can be brought home and the conflict left to burn itself out ..... Page 17

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Encouraging those who can provide for themelves will end up offering better retirement and other benefits for all. This positive message, not the threat to public finances, is what ministers must emphasise..... Page 17

Rewarding art

Artists are the visionary scouts and dangerous vanguards for the rest of mankind. Their work is too important to be shanghaied by any gang of temporarily correct critics..... Page 17

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NORMAN LAMONT

I left the Treasury with one regret, that as Chancellor I never managed to change our system for taxing capital gains ... Why cannot we see capital gains as the reward for entrepreneurship and risk taking? Why tax savings and investment when we want them?Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

The old verities of the postwar era no longer apply. The consequent search for a new political language explains much of the uncertainty about the direction of both main parties. That is why the "back to basics" initiative is so revealing..... Page 16

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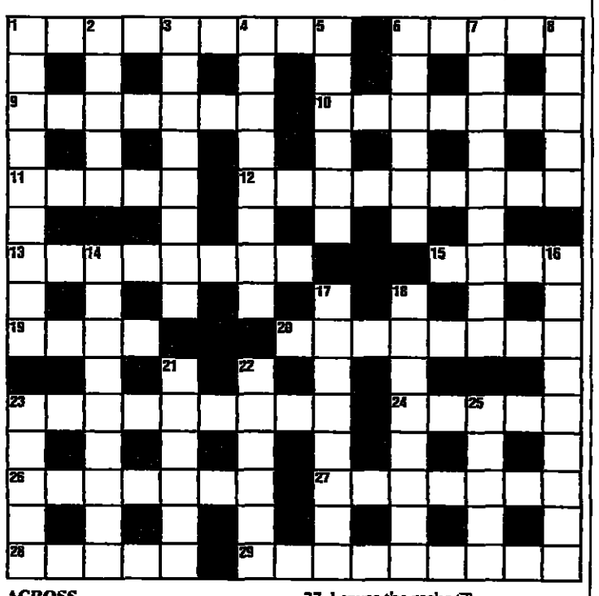
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It is encouraging — very faintly encouraging — to see the combatants in Bosnia formally taking responsibility for their own relief. It is a pale substitute for international intervention, but it is the only substitute — Washington Post

Mr Clinton is rightly resisting pressure to get tough with Pyongyang. Instead he's taking a calculated political risk that the North means what it says— *The New York Times*

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WEATHER

There will be a penetrating frost early and late across the country. Some freezing fog is likely. More sleet and snow are expected in eastern parts. Wintry showers are also possible in central England and near coasts of Wales and southwest England. It will be very cold everywhere but western parts should be mainly dry with sunny spells. Outlook: wintry showers dying out in east tomorrow, rain with sleet on hills in northwest on Wednesday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	13	55	s	Madrid	6	43	s
Akrotiri	24	76	s	Majorca	11	52	f
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Malaga	16	61	s
Algiers	15	59	f	Malta	15	59	t
Amst'dm	-5	23	sn	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Athens	16	61	c	Miami*	29	84	f
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	2	36	f
Bangkok	32	90	s	Montreal*	2	36	sn
Barbados*	29	84	f	Moscow	-14	7	sn
Barcelona	9	48	s	Munich	-4	25	c
Beirut	23	73	t	Nairobi	21	70	t
Belgrade	2	36	s	Naples	11	52	c
Berlin	-7	19	sn	N Delhi	25	77	s
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N York*	7	45	f
Biarritz	6	43	f	Nice	7	45	c
Borde'x	2	36	s	Oslo	-3	27	sn
Brussels	3	37	sn	Paris	-1	30	c
Budapst	1	34	f	Peking	-1	30	s
B Aires*	28	82	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Prague	-5	23	sn
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	2	36	s
Chicago*	3	37	c	Rhodes	21	70	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cologne	-3	27	c	Riyadh	27	81	s
Copngn	1	34	f	Rome	7	45	r
Corfu	16	61	f	Salzburg	-2	28	s
Dublin	6	43	f	S Frisco*	14	57	f
Dubrovnik	11	52	f	Santiago*	25	77	s
Faro	17	63	f	S Paulo*	26	79	f
Florence	4	39	f	Seoul	0	32	s
Frankfurt	-4	25	f	Sing'por	29	84	f
Funchal	16	61	f	St'kholm	-5	23	sn
Geneva	1	34	c	Strasb'rg	-1	30	c
Gibraltar	16	61	s	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	-10	14	s	Tangier	16	61	c
Hong K	18	64	s	Tel Aviv	25	77	c
Innsbrck	-1	30	s	Tenerife	19	66	c
Istanbul	18	64	s	Tokyo	21	70	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	1	34	f
Jo'burg*	25	77	f	Tunis	17	63	f
L Palmas	17	63	f	Valencia	14	57	s
Le Touq	0	32	s	Venice	4	39	s
Lisbon	15	59	f	Vienna	-3	27	c
Locarno	3	37	f	Warsaw	-7	19	c
L Angels*	22	72	f	Wash'ton*	8	46	s
Luxembg	-4	25	sn	Wel'ngton	13	55	r
Luxor	31	88	s	Zurich	-1	30	s

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 2C (36F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Humidity: 6pm, 70 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.08in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.2hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,020.2 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: St Mary's, Scilly, 10C (50F); lowest day max: Strathallan, Tayside, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Clacton, Essex, 0.11in; highest sunshine: Plymouth, Devon, 7.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 3C (37F), min 6pm to 6am, 0C (31F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.6hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 4C (39F); min 6pm to 6am, 0C (32F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.1hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.3	0.06	7	45	shower
Anglesey	6.3	-	9	48	sunny
Belfast	5.9	-	8	46	sunny
Birmingham	1.0	-	2	36	cloudy
Bognor Regis	2.5	-	5	41	cloudy
Bournemouth	4.1	-	5	41	bright
Bristol	5.0	-	4	39	sunny
Buxton	0.3	-	2	36	bright
Cardiff	6.3	-	6	43	sunny
Clacton	0.1	0.11	6	43	sleet
Cromer	1.0	0.04	6	43	shower
Edinburgh	0.4	-	4	39	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.8	-	3	37	hail
Exmouth	7.0	-	6	43	sunny
Falmouth	6.9	-	9	48	sunny
Folkestone	2.7	0.08	5	41	sleet
Glasgow	6.1	-	2	36	sunny
Guernsey	0.2	-	-	x	xcloudy
Hastings	3.1	0.06	4	39	snow
Hunstanton	1.6	0.06	5	41	shower
Jersey	4.8	-	7	45	cloudy
Kinloss	6.4	-	8	46	sunny
Leeds	0.3	0.02	4	39	shower
Lerwick	-	0.01	7	45	shower
Littlehampton	2.6	-	5	41	cloudy
London	3.0	-	5	41	rain
Lowestoft	1.4	0.03	6	43	sleet
Manchester	1.0	-	5	41	cloudy
Margate	x	0.02	6	43	sleet
Minehead	x	-	5	41	bright
Morecambe	3.4	-	5	41	sunny
Newcastle	0.2	0.02	5	41	hail
Newquay	6.5	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	0.3	0.01	4	39	shower
Penzance	5.1	-	9	48	bright
Plymouth	7.7	-	7	45	sunny
Poole	5.1	-	6	43	bright
Saunton Snd	7.2	-	10	50	sunny
Selby lakes	3.4	-	10	50	sunny
Shanklin	4.0	-	5	41	sunny
Southend	1.8	0.05	6	43	sleet
Southsea	3.5	-	5	41	sunny
Stornoway	4.7	-	8	46	bright
Swanage	4.4	-	6	43	sunny
Teignmouth	6.2	-	7	45	sunny
Tenby	5.5	-	6	43	bright
Tiree	3.9	-	7	45	sunny
Torquay	7.1	-	8	48	sunny
Weymouth	5.3	-	6	43	bright

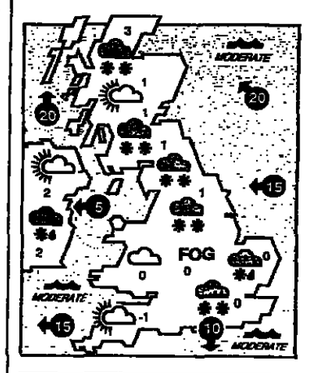
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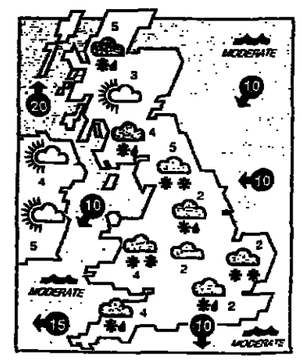
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Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	16.76	17.26
Belgium Fr	56.72	52.32
Canada $	2.060	1.900
Cyprus CypE	0.797	0.737
Denmark Kr	10.62	09.82
Finland Mrk	9.22	08.42
France Fr	9.20	8.50
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	376.50	353.50
Hong Kong $	12.05	11.05
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.02
Italy Lira	2563.00	2408.00
Japan Yen	176.50	157.00
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.982	2.752
Norway Kr	11.55	10.75
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
South Africa Rd	5.70	4.80
Spain Pta	210.50	196.50
Sweden Kr	12.80	12.00
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	20800	19800
USA $	1.572	1.442

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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.33 pm to 7.00 am
Bristol 4.43 pm to 7.10 am
Edinburgh 4.24 pm to 7.33 am
Manchester 4.33 pm to 7.17 am
Penzance 5.00 pm to 7.16 am

Sun rises: 7.30 am
Sun sets: 4.03 pm
Moon rises 1.00 pm
Moon sets 12.20 am
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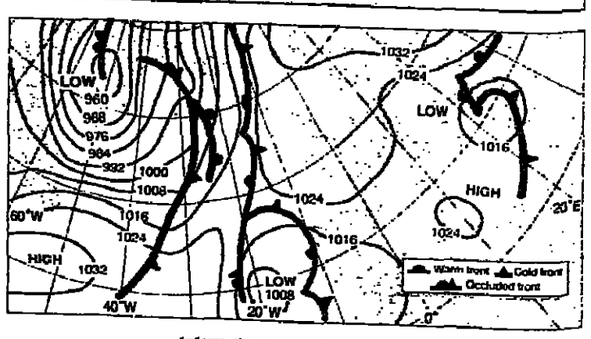
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	8	46	c	Guernsey	5	41	s
B'mngham	3	37	s	Inverness	9	48	s
Blackpool	3	37	f	Jersey	3	37	s
Bristol	6	43	s	London	5	41	s
Cardiff	5	41	s	M'nchster	4	39	c
Edinburgh	5	41	s	Newcastle	3	37	s
Glasgow	6	43	f	R'nldsway	7	45	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.27	5.9	8.16	5.9	Liverpool	5.19	7.5	5.44	7.6
Aberdeen	8.02	3.4	8.04	3.5	Lowestoft	3.00	2.3	4.37	2.1
Avonmouth	12.42	10.0	1.19	10.1	Margate	5.42	4.1	6.45	3.9
Belfast	5.33	2.9	5.46	3.1	Milford Haven	00.00	5.2	12.36	5.4
Cardiff	12.27	9.4	1.04	9.5	Newquay	11.36	5.5	—	—
Devonport	11.36	4.5	—	—	Oban	—	—	12.51	3.2
Dover	4.58	5.5	5.54	5.2	Penzance	10.54	4.5	11.57	4.3
Falmouth	11.06	4.3	—	—	Portland	11.54	1.5	—	—
Glasgow	6.38	4.2	6.58	4.5	Portsmouth	5.35	4.1	5.55	3.8
Harwich	5.20	3.4	6.15	3.3	Shoreham	5.06	5.1	5.42	4.7
Holyhead	4.56	4.3	5.06	4.6	Southampton	5.31	3.7	5.44	3.6
Hull	—	—	12.48	5.6	Swansea	12.04	7.3	12.35	7.5
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.19	7.1	Tees	10.21	4.3	10.38	4.6
King's Lynn	—	—	1.50	4.9	W'ton-on-Nze	5.22	3.6	6.15	3.5
Leith	9.04	4.5	9.14	4.5					

NOON TODAY



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Striker's first-half hat-trick takes Keegan's side beyond reach

Liverpool freeze as Cole fires Newcastle

Newcastle United.....3
Liverpool 0

BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE North-East came alive yesterday with the sound of mockery to the passing greatness of Liverpool. When "King" Cole is in this predatory form, when he scores a hat-trick to humble Liverpool before half-time, then you can only imagine the roar of the St James' Park crowd at a capacity 36,374 chanting to its hearts content: "Souness for Sunderland! Souness for the dole!"

However, dismiss any thought of diminishing sportsmanship. On the final whistle, Bruce Grobbelaar, who had risked his knee just ten days after exploratory surgery, ran to the centre circle, embraced Andy Cole, and raised his own arm in unison with that of the spectators. Grobbelaar was man enough to acknowledge that Newcastle are a force of new football, though the spirit and the impetus of their push-and-move style was as old as Liverpudlians can remember.

That, in essence was the way of it. Three discarded Liverpool players, Hooper, Venison and, above all, Beardsley, are regenerating Newcastle. Their manager, Kevin Keegan, and his coach, Terry McDermott, have put enthusiasm and effervescence first on the team list. The simple pleasure, the joy that Beardsley, 32, gives to, and takes from, this last lap of his career is clearly apparent.

Ironically, it was Paul Bracewell, the former Everton player, who first gave a hint of Newcastle's superiority. He and young Dominic Matteo moved for a 50-50 ball: Bracewell, through anticipation and touch, hooked the ball gently over the teenager's head.

In the fifth minute, Newcastle dismantled Liverpool down their left flank. Elliott unleashed Lee like a whippet. Lee was far too swift for the groping Nicol and, in double quick time, he had spotted Cole at the far post and, though Lee's cross-shot would probably have gone in anyway, Cole stretched out his right foot to poach his nineteenth goal in 17 league and cup games this season.

It was already obvious then that Beardsley could easily lure Piechnik out of position and that Ruddock, being soundly booed in memory of the way his elbow rearranged the cheekbone of Beardsley in a pre-season "friendly", simply could not match the quickness of Cole.

After 16 minutes, Beardsley eluded Piechnik with an impish turn. Beardsley then looked to his left, saw Sellars already sprinting, and with a measured pass put the ball into his stride. Sellars knew, everybody on the ground knew, that Cole would be lurking, one pass and one quickfire shot and it was 2-0.

Liverpool were now an embarrassment to their colours. It seemed that the buying of Souness has sown the seeds of his club's self-destruction. Liverpool were ponderous and Newcastle were toying with them.

The black and white stripes were ebullient in possession, tigerish in chasing back, brave in winning virtually every spare ball. Cole, playing as one has never seen him, showed their commitment by chasing back 35 yards and putting Harkness into touch. Then, more authentically, the Cole, 22, did his own thing by completing the hat-trick.

As before, the build-up came with dazzling footwork on the left. Lee and Sellars shredded the defence of Nicol and the swiftness over a few yards of Cole was devastating. Though there was more than a suspicion of offside, the referee did not see it, and Grobbelaar hardly saw the ball as Cole sidefooted it in.

Two questions were left: what might happen when the Newcastle pace and teamwork ebbed, or when John Barnes came on for his first game of the season?

The answers came early. Barnes, with his black gloves and red cycle shorts, replaced Piechnik immediately after half-time; the searing edge to Newcastle's appetite did not recapture that they displayed in the first half.

Liverpool nevertheless failed to impress and failed to retrieve their reputation in the second half. Nicol showed their growing frustration by clattering into Beardsley from behind; a yellow card, and there might well have been one for Stewart for an earlier abuse of Clark.

The closest Liverpool came was five minutes from time when an error by Watson let in Fowler. The Liverpool version of Cole was then denied by effectively the first genuine save of the afternoon from Hooper. When the ball rebounded to Redknapp, the goal was at his mercy. Alas Redknapp was now full of Liverpool's self-doubt. He lifted his head, lofted his shot over, wide and out. And with it went Liverpool.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): M Hooper — S Watson, B Venison, K Scott, R Elliott — L Clark, P Bracewell, S Sellars, R Lee — P Beardsley, A Cole.
LIVERPOOL (4-4-2): B Grobbelaar — S Nicol, T Piechnik (sub: J Barnes, 46min), N Ruddock, S Harkness — J Redknapp, N Clough, P Stewart, D Matteo — I Rush, R Fowler.
Referee: G Ashby.

GRAHAM CHADWICK



Cole, right, scorer of all the Newcastle goals, is congratulated by Beardsley and Clark, left, at St James' Park yesterday

Gordon Durie, Tottenham Hotspur's Scotland international, last night joined Rangers for £1.2 million. The Scottish champions hope to exchange his registration this morning so the forward is eligible to play against Partick Thistle on Saturday.

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FA rings changes in youth football training

BY PETER BALL

WITH impeccable timing, the Football Association will today unveil its new training scheme, five days after England's untimely exit from the World Cup. The FA Council will be asked to ratify the proposals this morning.

The most important parts of the scheme are to remove some of the restrictions preventing clubs coaching youngsters at an early age at their Centres of Excellence. The FA is proposing that the age limit should be reduced from 11 to nine, and clubs should be allowed unlimited access instead of one hour a week. Along with those steps will be a restriction on the number of games schoolboys should be asked to play.

As far as it goes, there is little doubt that these steps will be widely welcomed, both inside the professional game and far beyond it. The comparison between Germany, where clubs like Bayern Munich have hundreds of children of all ages, and England, where the English Schools FA have kept professional involvement to a minimum, has been stark.

Other parts of the proposals are likely to be more controversial, with the suggestion that a club might have to pay up to £100,000 compensation for a schoolboy if he decided to move clubs likely to provoke some opposition. There will also be some concern whether the FA is best fitted to oversee the patient's recovery.

"This presupposes that everything is right at the clubs," Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association, said yesterday. "There are some shining examples like Manchester United, where they have a top quality manager and they have given him the time and money to get a good programme and pay top quality coaches.

"But that is not true at many clubs."

Build-up matches include Canada

ENGLAND, who are due to play two rugby union internationals in South Africa during the close season, will play a further two at Twickenham next season as part of their extended programme of preparation for the 1995 World Cup (David Hands writes).

The first will be against Romania on November 12 and the second against Canada on December 10. Details of the match against Romania were concluded during their recent visit to Ireland.

The game, Romania's first at Twickenham since 1985, will follow soon after the tournament scheduled for September which is likely to involve Romania, Italy and Wales playing for places in the World Cup finals.

Canada are due to play a series of internationals in Europe, including one against France (as part of a four-match programme there) Italy and Ireland, but it will be their first visit to Twickenham since 1983; their international with England last year was at Wembley, owing to the East Stand building programme.

The Rugby Football Union committee has yet to approve the itinerary for England's eight-match visit to South Africa in May, which is due to open against Natal on May 18, with internationals in Cape Town on June 4 and Pretoria on June 11.

Callard called in as England make eight changes

De Glanville to face All Blacks

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

FOUR weeks after being led from the field at Redruth with an ugly eye injury, Phil de Glanville will make his first full appearance for England. The Bath centre, injured playing against the New Zealanders, will meet the All Blacks again at Twickenham next Saturday as part of a XV showing eight changes from that which completed last season in disarray against Ireland.

It is an opportunity de Glanville hardly expected, but the facial damage that required 15 stitches after he had been trampled at a ruck has mended well, and Jeremy Guscott, his Bath colleague, cannot take his established place in the team because of a long-standing groin injury. Thus de Glanville, 25 and capped twice as a replacement last season, joins four other Bath players, among them at full back the only new cap, Jonathan Callard.

De Glanville made his return in Bath's league defeat at Leicester on Saturday. "After a serious injury it's a matter of getting back as quickly as possible and putting the past behind you," he said after England trained yesterday at a snow-dappled Stoop Memorial ground. "I hope I last longer than 15 minutes against the All Blacks next Saturday, but they have a professional attitude, they will be concentrating on winning the game, the past is dead and buried."

Guscott and Martin Bayfield could not be considered though both are optimistic that they will be ready for the five nations championship. Guscott, who does not require an operation, will rest for the next fortnight and his injury will then be reviewed; Bayfield, the Northampton lock troubled by a neck injury, is aiming to return to league action in mid-January and reclaim the place which now goes to the persevering Nigel Redman.

Jonathan Webb, Wade Dooley and Peter Winterbottom have retired, while Mike Teague, Jeff Probyn and Stuart Barnes have been dropped from the team which lost 17-3 on a tumultuous day for the Irish last March. Barnes, at least, retains his place in the squad, but Rob Andrew is restored at stand-off half for his 53rd cap.

Callard, despite the imperfections of his games against the All Blacks for the South-West and England A, wins his first cap at 27 and will be the first-choice goalkicker. Victor Ubogu, an autumn international last year, replaces Probyn at tight-head prop, while Redman, whose international career began in 1984, links with the once-capped Martin Johnson in the second row.

Redman will have to relearn the art of jumping in the middle of the line: the absence of Bayfield dictated in part the choice of a tall back row, though it is possible England would have opted for the same trio anyway. They now have to devise a more effective way of using their tall men than Scotland did in their 51-15 defeat by the All Blacks on Saturday, yet still ensure speed off the tail of the lineout.

Tim Rodber, who favoured a bruised shoulder in training yesterday, plays his first international since February 1992 at blind-side flanker and Ben Clarke, No 8 last season, moves to the open side in a role created for him by the British Isles against Canterbury during last summer's New Zealand tour.

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, must be worried about the number of injuries to leading players and the lack of form of others though at least all but one of his remodelled side have international experience and have also played — in some cases more than once — against New Zealand this year. Nine of the side played for the Lions in internationals, eight of them in the victory over the All Blacks in Wellington.

"I don't recall having so many injury problems at one time since I took over," Cooke said (his scrum half, Dewi Morris, could not train yesterday because of influenza). "We won't be going into this match as favourites.

"The All Blacks have developed into a very good side and it was an outstanding effort to score more than fifty points at Murrayfield. A couple of the English divisions have run them close but they have gone up a gear, they have a good momentum, and they are full of confidence.

"Things are stacked against us but if we get everything right and the team plays out of its skin, we may be the only side in the northern hemisphere who can beat them. Our newer players will have to go up a gear, but we have one or two advantages over Scotland: we have more experience and more hard, competitive rugby and we will have a full Twickenham urging us on."

ENGLAND TEAM

J Callard (Bath, 0 caps); T Underwood (Leicester, 4), W D C Carling (Harlequins, capt, 42), P R de Glanville (Bath, 2), R Underwood (Leicester and RAF, 60); C R Andrew (Wasps, 52), C D Morris (Orrell, 15); J Leonard (Harlequins, 25), B C Moore (Harlequins, 45), V E Ubogu (Bath, 2), T A K Rodber (Northampton and Army, 2), M O Johnson (Leicester, 1), N C Redman (Bath, 13), B B Clarke (Bath, 5), D Richards (Leicester, 34).

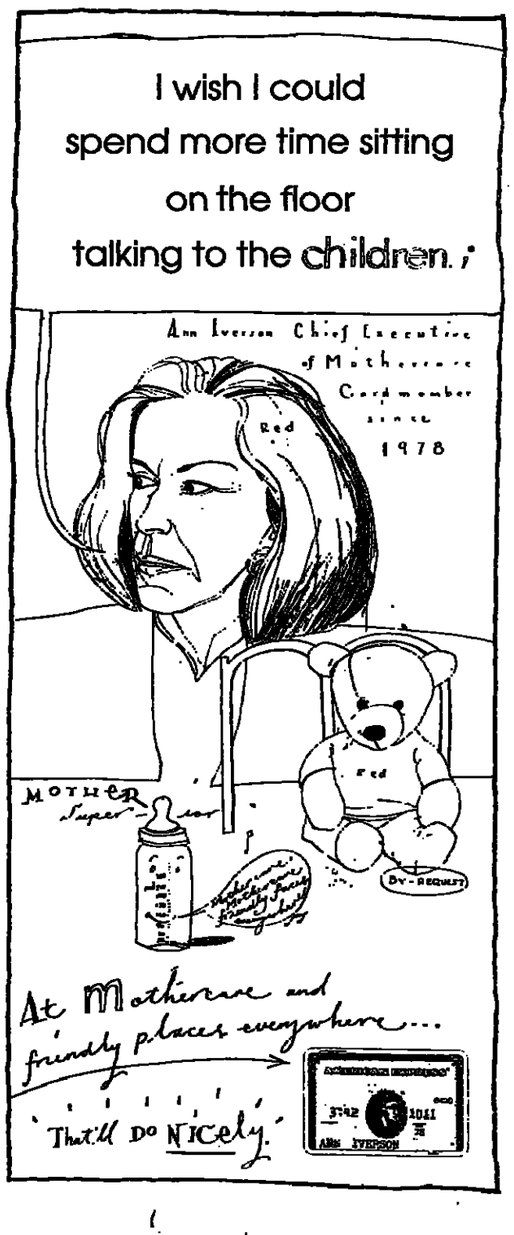
Replacements: I Hunter (Northampton, 3), S Barnes (Bath, 10), K Bracken (Bristol, 0), G C Rowntree (Leicester, 0), R G R Dawe (Bath, 4), J P Hall (Bath, 20).

JULIAN HERBERT



Leonard and Richards get down to some serious training in the snow yesterday

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Baker-Finch wins Australian play-off

IAN Baker-Finch, of Australia, won the Australian PGA golf championship in a three-way play-off at the Concord course in Sydney yesterday. The Queenslander was tied on 275, nine under par, with his compatriot, Peter Fowler, and Grant Waite, of New Zealand, after 72 holes. The former winner of the Open Championship had reached the play-off with a superb last-round 64, while Waite earned his place with a 67. Fowler, the overnight leader, slumped to a two-over-par 73.Jim Payne, of Britain, finished joint fourth on 277 after a five-under 66.

Raymond Floyd, of the United States and Steve Elkington, of Australia, combined to hold a two-shot lead at the $1 million (about £666,000) Shark Shootout after the second round at Thousand Oaks, California, on Saturday.

Walker in semi-finals

SQUASH: Chris Walker, the England No 2, joined his compatriot, Peter Marshall, in the semi-finals of the world open championship in Karachi yesterday when he beat Rodney Martin, of Australia, the second seed, 13-15, 17-14, 15-10, 15-11. It is the first time two English players have reached this stage of the event. Marshall, the England No 1, beat his countryman, Tony Hands, 15-8, 15-11, 15-14. In the semi-finals, Walker will meet Jahangir Khan, who defeated Martin's elder brother, Brett, while Marshall will play Jansher Khan, who beat Rodney Eyles.

France take boys' title

TENNIS: France won their second successive boys' title at the world youth championships in Wellington, New Zealand, on Saturday by beating New Zealand 2-1. France captured the title when the doubles combination of Johann Potron and Olivier Mutus defeated Mark Nielsen and Scott Clark 6-3, 6-4. In the first singles match, Teo Susnjak, of New Zealand, beat Mutus 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 but France came back in the second singles when Jean-François Bachelot beat Clark 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Australia won the girl's title on Friday with a 2-1 victory over the United States.

Italian foils Hein

FENCING: Lorenzo Taddei, of Italy, won the Eden Cup international foil competition at Crystal Palace on Saturday, edging Sven Hein, of Germany, into second place. Taddei, the world No 1 at under-20 level, performed consistently through the day, but had a narrow 15-11 win against the German, Thomas Engel, in the semi-final. In the final, the Italian lost concentration and needed a penalty point in extra time to overcome Hein. Britain's top performance came from Paul Walsh, who finished twentieth.

Zimbabwe routed

CRICKET: Zimbabwe were knocked out of the five-nation limited-overs tournament yesterday when they suffered a crushing defeat at the hands of West Indies in a day-night match in Hyderabad, India. West Indies won by 134 runs after dismissing their opponents for 99 in 36.1 overs. Desmond Haynes scored 75 in the winners' total of 233 for nine. West Indies will be joined in the semi-finals by South Africa and India, who meet in the final league match in Chandigarh today, and Sri Lanka.

Barnett's double ride

CYCLING: Dean Barnett, the Ace RT cyclo-cross specialist and member of the national squad, overcame a setback to achieve a weekend double yesterday when he won the Leicester Sprinter 12-mile event. He fell early in the eight-lap racebut overtook the leader, Carl Thompson, and won by 29 seconds. The previous day Barnett won the seventh round of the Notts and Derby league event. Derek Bowyer, the organiser of the British track championship for 20 years, died yesterday from a heart attack.

Germans acknowledge Stich as No 1

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After a rare slip in a highly successful year, Sampras conceded the ATP world championship to Stich in Frankfurt yesterday

PETE Sampras was yesterday poised to be acclaimed as the most dominant force in men's tennis since Ivan Lendl in the mid-Eighties. His thunder was stolen during the crowning ceremony, though, when somebody else stepped forward to be hailed officially as the champion of the world.

The extravagant title belongs to Michael Stich. In winning the last event of the ATP tour here, the ATP world championship, he lifted himself above Jim Courier in the rankings to end the year second only to Sampras, whom he subdued 7-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2 in three minutes short of three hours.

The king was usurped by the prince for a day and Sampras acknowledged that his reign, which seemed as though it might long endure, could soon be under threat. "He's got a big game," Sampras said of his opponent, "and he will be in the race next year."

Stich has already replaced one figurehead. Boris Becker, the individual responsible for provoking an explosion of interest in the sport in Germany, was a national phenomenon even as a teenager. Now a distracted 25-year-old, he has dropped out of the world top ten for the first time in eight years.

Stich was accustomed to living in Becker's shadow. Two years ago, after beating his compatriot in the Wimbledon final, Stich was scorned by his own countrymen. But yesterday, at the end of a week in which he became the first player in the event to remain undefeated since Lendl in 1987, the jeers turned to cheers.

Whereas Becker habitually wears his heart on his sleeve, Stich is known for his lack of emotion. As his composure cracked and he publicly broke down in tears during his valedictory speech, he was enveloped in waves of sympathy and admiration.

He will doubtless be surrounded by similar sentiments in a fortnight when he leads Germany, the clear favourites, into the Davis Cup final against Australia in Düsseldorf. The following week, he is to defend his title in the Grand Slam Cup, a lavish financial exercise, in Munich.

If Stich completed the ATP tour with a flourish, he promises to conclude the year in a blaze of glory. Sampras, the Wimbledon and US champion, may have temporarily been overshadowed, but his 1993 campaign has, on several counts, been unprecedented. But for Lendl's achievements, it would have been historic.

The American, 22, has served more aces (1,011), earned more prize-money (almost £2.7 million) and amassed more points (4,242) than anyone before. Nobody has won more matches (83) or titles (eight) in a year apart from Lendl, who set the unsurpassed figures in his prime in 1985 and 1989 respectively.

Nevertheless, yesterday, Sampras was second best and was gracious enough to admit it. "When he is on a hot streak, as he has been for the last four or five weeks, Michael is a dangerous player," Sampras said. He is better indoors than outdoors and today he deserved to win."

The opening set was unexpectedly bizarre. There were 13 break points in the first ten games, which lasted as long as the whole of Sampras's astonishing semi-final against Andrei Medvedev on Saturday. By common consent, his was one of the finest virtuoso performances ever witnessed. It lasted a mere 51 minutes.

"It would have been impossible to maintain that level", Sampras agreed. As he searched for the gold dust he had sprinkled all over the Festhalle 24 hours earlier, so Stich continually reached into his pocket for sawdust to soak up the perspiration coating hands trembling with tension.

Serving for the set at 5-2, he yielded the next four games but captured the tie-break 7-3. Once Sampras had swiftly redressed the balance, the third set was equally curious. Excluding the sixth game, only eight points were taken against the service until the tie-break. Then there were nine.

Stich, in winning all five of his tie-breaks last week, demonstrated that he responds to crises. Sampras, recalling that he had lost all three against the German in the Grand Slam Cup last year, conceded that "when we get to the crunch, he seems to get through".

Stich, 25, sensing that he was on the verge of his greatest triumph apart from Wimbledon, accelerated towards it. He achieved it ultimately in the most appropriate manner, with his 27th ace of the afternoon. Normal service had eventually been restored.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: P Sampras (US) bt A Medvedev (Ukr), 6-3, 6-0; M Stich (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 7-6, 7-6. Final: Stich bt Sampras, 7-6, 2-6, 7-6, 6-2.

Sánchez made to work for victory

THE remarkable run of Mary Pierce ended in the semi-finals of the Virginia Slims tennis championships in New York, but not before she had stretched Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, the world No 2, almost to breaking point (Barry Wood writes).

The Spaniard, who served for the match at 5-4 in the second set, took 2hr 34min to win 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. On occasions, she resorted to making faces or pointing at her head in mockery of the 18-year-old Frenchwoman. "I didn't mean anything, but it's just the way she can make good shots and then easy mistakes," Sánchez Vicario explained.

Pierce conjured up an abundance of both, but what was perhaps most disturbing for Sánchez Vicario was that she found an opponent who displayed the same resilience for which she herself is acclaimed and respected. Pierce appeared to be paralysed by nerves in the opening set and was unable to find her timing. Her tactic of aiming for the lines misfired and she made several volleying errors, hardly testing Sánchez Vicario.

"In the second set I was more concentrated," she said, "and in the third Arantxa played some really good points."

Sánchez Vicario explained why Pierce had been such a difficult opponent to overcome. "She hits the ball harder than anybody, but she can miss it so you have to be patient and hang in there and change the pace of the ball."

Steffi Graf was also surprised at the resistance she encountered as she struggled to overcome her compatriot, Anke Huber, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, an opponent she had beaten with ease on six previous occasions.

Huber, 18, has a tendency, to a greater extent even than Pierce, to combine a very solid forehand with a large number of careless, unforced errors, but on this occasion she played intelligently and was able to execute her intentions to good effect.

Graf said: "She took a lot of risks and did it very well. She usually has a shakier serve, but she served well and it was difficult to jump even on her second serve. But I was ready. I knew it was only a matter of time before she played better against me. If she continues to play the same way, she has a good future."

☐ Shirli-Ann Siddall, of Britain, saved a match point in the second set of the final of the LTA women's satellite tourament at Swansea yesterday but was beaten 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 by the second seed, Gabi Coorengel, of Holland.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LEFFRINCKOUCKE, France: International road races: Men: (10km). 1, V Rousseau (Bel), 29min 35sec; 2, P Davies-Hale (Eng), 29:41, 3, J Junquera (Por), 29 42. Other English: 6, A Passey, 29:56; 17, J Mayock, 30:48; 20, P Roden, 30:50. Women (4.5km). Z Pieterse (SA), 14.05

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Moore Windows Derby Bucks 85 (Mandi 22, Lascelles 16). Chester Jets 67 (Martin 16, Bannister 11). Leicester City Riders 98 (Harris 32, Waldron 22). Sunderland Scorpions 93 (Saunders 32, Douglas 29) London Towers 80 (R Scantlebury 26, Aynia 18). TeleEssentials Hemel Hempstead 66 (John 16, Odudu 15). Proton Manchester Giants 116 (St Kitts 27, Samuels 22). Birmingham Bullets 87 (Thomas 18, Simms 17): Oldham Celtics 60 (Mornfield 28, Sarpe 13). Guildford Kings 115 (Pearson 29 Brown 20) Blue Circle Worthing Bears 106 (Lewis 29, Hamed 28) John Carr Doncaster Panthers 92 (Joseph 23, Jones 21)

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Plymouth Raiders 74, Cardiff Heat 93, Stockton Mohawks 113, Bury Lobos 70 Ware Rebels 74, Solent Stars 84 Second division. Lewisham Lightoning 75, Leicester Falcons 86, Northampton 89ers 72, Guilford 81 Nottingham Cobras 117, London Elephants 49 Women: First division: Northampton 76ers 81, Birmingham Quality Cats 34; Rhondda 78, South Tyneside 67 Second division: Leicester 65, Harlesden Amazons 46, London Heat 73, Manchester Flames 46, Spelthorne Acers 49, Luton 51, Sunderland 49, Cardiff 55

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Friday: Boston 115, Orlando 106, Atlanta 95, Miami 92 Philadelphia 124, Utah 115, Charlotte 127, Washington 111 Detroit 95, San Antonio 86, Minnesota 113, Sacramento 108, Phoenix 118, Portland 109, Seattle 116, Dallas 67, Chicago 88, LA Lakers 86 Saturday: Atlanta 96, Charlotte 91; Indiana 100, Boston 94, Orlando 87, New Jersey 85; Washington 104, Miami 102, Denver 90, Minnesota 89, Utah 86, New York 72; San Antonio 101, Milwaukee 97, Phoenix 112, Cleveland 96, Houston 108, LA Clippers 88, Seattle 112, Golden State 97.

JAKARTA: Asian championship: Semi-finals: China 81, South Korea 62, North Korea 86, Iran 69 Final: China 93, North Korea 72.

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CYCLING

GHENT SIX-DAY RACE: Leading final positions: 1, B Ris and K Betschart (Switz), 370pts. One lap behind: 2, U Freuler and W Stutz (Switz), 359; 3, E De Wilde and J Bruyneel (Bel), 332; 4, J Veggerby (Den) and R Van Slycke (Bel), 319 Three laps: 5, P Bincoletto and G Lombardi (It), 285. British: 12 laps: 8, A Doyle and S Wingrave, 147

CYCLO-CROSS: Leicester Sprinter (12 miles) 1, D Barnett (Ace RT), 1hr 00min 58sec; 2, C Thompson (CC Romford), at 29sec. 3, M Edon (Ace RT), at 2min 25sec Norwich ABC (10 miles) 1 B Paton (Apollo) 54min 30sec, 2, R Parkins (Renrad) at 1 00min, 3,T Butler (Ipswich), at 4:15 Bristol RC (8½ miles) 1, T Lock (Severn RC), 58min 21sec 2, D Maker (Mid Devon), at 3min 46sec 3, T Undorrall (Bristol MBC), at 6 20 Weaver Valley CC (Northwich, Cheshire, 12 miles) 1 F Salmon (Peugeot), 1hr 05min 30sec, 2, S Green (Oldham Century RC), at 2:00, 3, B Green (Oldham Century), at 2 30. Halesowen A and CC (Manor Abbey Stadium, 10 miles) 1, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC), 58min 53sec, 2, S Pearse (Severn RC), at 1 lap, 3, S Bennett (Stourbridge CC), at 1 lap

FOOTBALL

DUTCH LEAGUE: FC Groningen 0, Ajax Amsterdam 4, FC Volendam 5, MVV Maastricht 1: Feyenoord Rotterdam 1, Vitesse Arnhem 1 RKC Waalwijk 1, SC Heerenveen 1, NAC Breda 4 Sparta Rotterdam 3 Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 3, Willem II Tilburg 0 Postponed: FC Twente v PSV Endhoven, Cambuur Leeuwarden v Rode JC Kerkraden

FRENCH LEAGUE: Toulouse 1, Paris Saint-Germain 2, Monaco 1, Le Havre 1, Marseilles 0, Auxerre 3; Strasbourg 0 Metz 0 Nantes 0, Cannes 0; Montpellier 2, Angers 1 Caen 2, Sochaux 1, St Etienne 0, Lens 0, Lille 2 Lyons 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Bayer Leverkusen 3, Leipzig 1, Kaiserslautern 3, SV Hamburg 0; Schalke 1, Bayern Munich 1 Freiburg 1, Duisburg 2: Nuremberg 0, Borussia Dortmund 0 Dynamo Dresden 1, Vfb Stuttgart 0

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Atalanta 0, Parma 2, Foggia 1, Sampdoria 2: Genoa 1, Internazionale 0: Juventus 1, Cagliari 1 Lazio 1, Torino 2: Lecce 0, AS Roma 2: Piacenza 0, Udinese 0 Reggiana 2, Cremonese 0.

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Setubal 5, Benfica 2, Gil Vicente 2, Guimaraes 1, Pacos Ferreira 2, Famalicao 0, Salgueiros 1, Maritimo 1, Estrela Amadora 3 Estoril 0, Boavista... Belenenses 2, Beira Mar 0, Braga 4, Farense 0.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sevilla 0, Valencia 1, Barcelona 0, Lleida 1 Zaragoza 6, Tenerife 2, Deportivo de La Coruna 4, Oviedo 0 Sporting Gijon 0, Athletic Bilbao 1, Real Madrid 2, Celta 1; Real Sociedad 2, Logrones 2: Osasuna 0, Racing Santander 0

AFRICAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Final: First leg: Africa Sports (Ivory Coast) 1, Al-Ahly (Egypt) 1

Late results on Friday

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: Second division: Cambridge 1, Cardiff 1

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Shelbourne 1, Cobh Ramblers 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Purfleet 0, Walton and Hersham 0

GERMAN LEAGUE: Borussia Mönchengladbach 3, Werder Bremen 2, Karlsruhe 2, Wattenscheid 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 0, FC Cologne 3

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bordeaux 1, Martigues 1

BADMINTON

HONG KONG OPEN: Men: Singles: Semi-finals: T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den) bt Kim Hak Kyun (S Kor), 15-0, 15-6; H Susanto (Indo) bt A Wiranata (Indo), 15-6, 6-15, 15-10. Final: Susanto bt Stuer-Lauridsen, 15-7, 15-4. Doubles: Semi-finals: P Teerawiwatana and S Thongsari (Thai) bt I Hendra and Dicky P (Indo), 11-15, 15-9, 15-11; D Kantono and Antonius (Indo) bt R Gunawan and B Supranto (Indo), 15-6, 12-15, 15-2. Final: Kantono and Antonius bt Teerawiwatana and Thongsari, 10-15, 15-13, 17-14 Women: Singles: Semi-finals: Han Jingna (China) bt Zhang Ning (China), 11-8, 11-8; Ye Zhaoying (China) bt Ra Kyung Min (S Kor), 11-4, 11-8 Final: Ye Zhaoying bt Han Jingna, 10-12, 11-7, 11-6 Doubles: Semi-finals: Zelin and Elisa (Indo) bt Kim Shin Young and Jang Hye Ock (S Kor), 18-13, 15-11. Wu Yuhong and Chen Ying (China) bt Tang Yongshu and Zhang Jin (China), 15-13, 5-15, 15-9 Final: Wu Yuhong and Chen Ying bt Zelin and Elisa, 15-7, 15-8 Mixed doubles: Semi-finals: Aryono and Riesye (Indo) bt J Mardianto and S Untari (Indo), 15-7, 15-4, R Gunawan and R Tendean (Indo) bt Yap Kim Hock and Lee Wai Leng (Mal) 17-15, 15-5 Final: Gunawan and Tendean bt Aryono and Riesyo, 15-12, 15-6

BOXING

WBO CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP: Hamburg: Nestor Giovannini (Arg, holder) bt M Botz (Ger) pts.

IBF BANTAMWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP: Johannesburg: Orlando Canizales (US, holder) bt Juvenal Berrio (Col), pts

CRICKET

HYDERABAD: Cricket Association of Bengal jubilee international one-day tournament

WEST INDIES

B C Lara c Streak b Brain	4
D L Haynes run out	75
P V Simmons lbw b Streak	0
*R B Richardson c A Flower b Streak	5
R I C Holder c Brandes b Peall	50
K L T Arthurton run out	16
R Harper b Rennie	26
A C Cummins c Brain b Rennie	26
W K M Benjamin run out	8
K C G Benjamin not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 9, nb 2)	22
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	233

†J R Murray did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-24, 3-38, 4-130, 5-156, 6-169, 7-212, 8-231, 9-233

BOWLING: Brain 6-1-24-1, Streak 10-2-44-2, Rennie 10-0-42-2, Brandes 9.3-0-56-0 Peall 10-0-34-1, Campbell 5-0-16-0; Whittal 0.3-0-6-0

ZIMBABWE

*†A Flower c Haynes b K C G Benjamin	22
G W Flower c Simmons b W K M Benjamin	7
A D R Campbell lbw b W K M Benjamin	0
D L Houghton lbw b Simmons	22
A C Waller b Simmons	9
G J Whittal c Cummins b Harper	9
S G Peall b Cummins	10
D Brain c Harper b Simmons	1
D H Streak not out	0
J Rennie lbw b Cummins	0
E A Brandes absent injured	-
Extras (lb 9, w 5, nb 5)	19
Total (36.3 overs)	99

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-22, 2-23, 3-43, 4-67, 5-80, 6-88, 7-91, 8-98, 9-99

BOWLING. K C G Benjamin 7-1-19-1, W K M Benjamin 6-2-13-2. Cummins 5.3-0-19-2, Simmons 10-0-23-3, Harper 8-2-16-1.

West Indies won by 134 runs

ADELAIDE: Tour match: Third day of four

SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First innings 158 (J C Scuden 51, S B Doull 6-55)

Second innings

G R Blewett c Rutherford b Haslam	48
P C Nobes lbw b Su'a	17
J A Brayshaw b Doull	94
*D S Lehmann b Su'a	16
D S Webber lbw b Doull	10
†T J Nielsen lbw b de Groen	8
J C Scuden lbw b de Groen	0
D A Reeves not out	35
T B A May not out	13
Extras (lb 2, nb 3)	5
Total (7 wkts)	247

FALL OF WICKETS 1-48, 2-86, 3-110, 4-144, 5-175, 6-175, 7-213.

BOWLING: Su'a 21-4-71-2 (nb 3); de Groen 21-9-45-2; Doull 16-3-47-2; Haslam 17-2-30-1; Patel 19-5-52-0.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

B A Pocock b Scuden	3
M J Greatbatch c Webber b Reeves	65
M L Su'a c Brayshaw b Reeves	56
B A Young c Nielsen b Scuden	48
*K R Rutherford c and b Reeves	76
C Z Harris not out	15
D N Patel b Reeves	0
†T E Blain not out	1
Extras (lb 7, nb 5)	12
Total (6 wkts dec)	276

R P de Groen, S B Doull and M J Haslam did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-121, 3-128, 4-245, 5-272, 6-275.

BOWLING: Wigney 22-4-58-0 (nb 1); Scuden 21-7-55-2 (nb 2), Reeves 19-2-62-4 (nb 2), Blewett 12-2-35-0; May 19-7-37-0, Lehmann 4-0-22-0

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Melbourne: Third day: New South Wales 227 (M J Slater 77, M E Waugh 58 S K Warne 4-72) and 205-4 (S R Waugh 92 not out, M A Taylor 50), Victoria 233 (D J Ramshaw 85, B Hodge 54, B E McNamara 6-43)

FENCING

CRYSTAL PALACE: Eden Cup Under-20 men's foil international: 1, L Taddei (It), 2, S Hein (Ger), equal 3, A Comnotti (It) and T Engel (Ger) British: 20, P Walsh.

GOLF

LA MANGA, Spain: Johnnie Walker European team championship: Leading final scores: 410: Scotland (K Stables 67, R Weir 70) 418: Holland, (J Woof 66, J Saxton 70) 422: Ireland (D Jones 67, D Mooney 70) 423: Iceland (J Drummond 71, U Jonsson 71) 427: England (L Ficking 67, J Hamson 75). 435: Wales (M Benjamin 73, G Farr 73).

SYDNEY: Australian PGA Championship: Leading final scores (Aus unless stated) 275: I Baker-Finch, 69, 69 73, 64 (won on second play-off hole); G Waite (NZ), 68, 69, 73, 67, P Fowler, 71, 64, 67, 73 277: J Payne (GB), 71, 67, 73, 66; J Morse (US), 68, 67, 70, 72 278: W Riley, 71, 68, 71, 68. British: 285: C Moody, 68, 70, 69, 78

THOUSAND OAKS, California: Shark Shootout: Second round (US unless stated) 126: R Floyd and S Elkington (Aus), 62, 64, 128: H Irwin and B Lietzke, 63, 65. 129: M O'Meara and C Strange, 64, 65. 130: M Calcavecchia and B Faxon, 62, 68. 132: C Beck and C Fawn, 64, 68. 133: T Kite and D Love III, 63, 70. 134: J Cook and P Stewart, 66, 68. 135: F Allem (SA) and B Crenshaw, 66, 69 136: G Norman (Aus) and N Price (Zim), 67, 69.

GYMNASTICS

NAGOYA, Japan: Chunichi Cup: Men. 1, Li Xiaoshuang (China), 56 750pts 2, I Ivankov (Belarus), 56 500, 3, V Scherbo (Belarus), 56.425. Women: 1, L Milosovici (Rom), 39.225pts, 2, G Gogean (Rom), 38.925, 3, E Piskun (Belarus), 38.900

LILLESHALL: Men's national development plan: Youths: Team event: 1, London, 438.10, 2, North-West, 432.50, 3, South, 381.20, 4, London B, 378.10, 5, South-West, 366.25, 6, East, 97 50 Individual: 1, T Hickey (London), 118.15, 2, P Morris (London), 116 95, 3, J Smethurst (North-West), 114 70

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Buffalo 6, Winnipeg 0, NY Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 3: Anaheim 6, Vancouver 3. Saturday: Detroit 4, New Jersey 3 (OT); Boston 5, Philadelphia 5 (OT); Florida 4, Washington 3, San Jose 3, Hartford 2, Quebec 5, Winnipeg 5 (OT); Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 3, Toronto 3 Edmonton 2; Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 2 (OT), Dallas 4, Calgary 3; St Louis 4, Los Angeles 1.

LILLEHAMER, Norway: Pre-Olympic tournament: United States 5, Slovakia 5; Slovakia 5, Russia 3.

ICE SKATING

PARIS: Lalique Trophy: Final standings: Women: 1, S Bonaly (Fr), 1.5; 2, M Kajas (Fin), 4 0, 3, L Sargeant-Driscoll (Can), 4.5. British: 7, C Von Saher, 10.0. Pairs: 1, N Mishkutienok and A Dmitriev (Russ), 1.5; 2, M Eltsova and Andrei Bushkov (Russ), 3.0; 3, J Meno and T Sand (US), 5.0. British: 5, J Soames and J Jenkins, 7.5. Men: 1, T Eldredge (US), 2.5, 2, P Candeloro (Fr), 3.5; 3, V Zagorodniuk (Ukr), 4.0. Ice dance: 1, I Lobacheva and I Averbukh (Russ), 2.0; 2, E Pursalen and J Swallow (US), 4 0; 3, M Anissina and B Peizerat (Fr), 6.0.

GELSENKIRCHEN: Nations Cup: Final standings: Women: 1, T Szewczenko (Ger), 2.0pts; 2, O Baiul (Ukr), 2.5; 3, R Inoue (Japan), 4.5 British: 8, E Warmington, 12 0. Men: 1, V Petrenko (Ukr), 2.0; 2, S Davis (US), 2.5; 3, S Britten (Can), 5 0, British: 6, S Cousins, 8.5. Ice dance: 1, I Romanowa and I Yaroschenko (Ukr), 3 0pts, 2, K Mrazova and M Simecek (Cz), 3 6, 3, H Kustarova and O Ovsiannikov (Russ), 6 4 British: 7, M Fitzgerald and V Kyle, (GB) 14.0 Pairs: 1, E Shichkova and V Noumov (Russ), 2 0pts; 2, M Woetzel and I Steuer (Ger), 2.5; 3, K Ino and J Dungjen (US), 4 6 Overall standings: 1, Ukraine, 58pts, 2, Russia, 52; 3, United States, 50; 4, Canada, 44, 5, Germany, 43; 6, Germany II, 43. 7, Japan, 40. 8, Britain, 36.

MOTOR RACING

MACAU FORMULA THREE GRAND PRIX: 1, J Muller (Ger), Dallara, 1hr 02min 57 87sec. 2, T Kristensen (Den), 1 03 23 77, 3, K Burt (GB), Dallara, 1:03 30.31. Other British: 8, O Gavin, Dallara, 1 04 28.25

NETBALL

ENGLISH COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham 52, Hampshire North 40 Middlesex 43, Mid-Hampshire 30; East Essex 49, Surrey 69; Essex Met 50, Bedfordshire 31 Second division: Humberside 46, Cheshire 56, Nottinghamshire 44, Derbyshire 49; East Dorset 45, Hertfordshire 52; Kent 35, West Yorkshire 35 Third division: Warwickshire 45, Sussex 34; West Devon 52, South Yorkshire 45; Northamptonshire 36, Gloucestershire 51; South Durham 46, Lancashire 53 Fourth division: South Staffordshire 56, South Buckinghamshire 56, Shropshire 56, Cambridgeshire 46, North Buckinghamshire 52, Cornwall 52; Sussex 60, Worcestershire 50, Fifth division: Greater Manchester 25, Wiltshire 23, Norfolk 48, Berkshire 38; Oxfordshire 43, East Hampshire 48, Merseyside 47, Somerset 42. Sixth division: East Devon 29, North Durham 46, Staffordshire 48, Tyne and Wear 43, Herefordshire 24, West Dorset 42

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: George Wimpey British Open Championship: First round: H Lathom bt R Gunn, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, C Lumley bt K Sheldon, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4, 6-4, N Wood bt M Ryan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2

SQUASH

KARACHI: World Open Championship: Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 15-7, 15-7, 15-7; P Marshall (Eng) bt T Hands (Eng), 15-8, 15-11, 15-14. Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt B Martin (Aus), 17-16, 17-15, 15-11; C Walker (Eng) bt R Martin (Aus), 13-15, 17-14, 15-10, 15-11

VOLLEYBALL

OSAKA, Japan: Women's International tournament: Saturday: Cuba bt United States, 3-2; Russia bt Peru, 3-2. China bt Japan, 3-1. Yesterday: Russia bt United States, 3-1; China bt Peru, 3-0; Cuba bt Japan, 3-0 Final standings: 1, Cuba, 10pts; 2, China, 9, 3, Russia, 8; 4, Japan, 7; 5, United States, 6, 6, Peru, 5

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead 2, Cannock 3; Indian Gymkhana 2, Bournville 1; Slough 0, Reading 4; Stourport 2, Teddington 0; Trojans 6, Firebrands 1. Postponed: Canterbury v Havant; Old Loughtonians v Hounslow; St Albans v Southgate, Welton v Bromley. Second division: Gloucester City 0, Barford Tigers 2; Guildford 4, Cambridge City 2; Harborne 1, Cheltenham 0; Isca 0, Surbiton 2; Oxford University 2, Brooklands 2; Edgbaston 2, Sheffield 1; Richmond 2, Beeston 1. Postponed: Doncaster v Warrington; Harleston Magpies v Neston.

HA CUP: Third round: Harleston Magpies 2, Cambridge City 3 (aet).

ERNST AND YOUNG NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 1, Formby 2: Blackburn 3, Southport 2 Durham University 2, York 0; Norton 6, Alderley Edge 1; Timperley 0, Hightown Northern 2. Second division: Bowdon 4, Liverpool Sefton 0; Bradford 0, Harrogate 4, Knutsford 1, Halifax 0, Springfields 0, Oxton 1, Tynemouth 1, Stockton 3; Wakefield 1, Wigan 1. Postponed: Ramgarhia v Disley, Swallwell v Sheffield Bankers.

LACE MAWER NORTH WEST LEAGUE: First division: Cheetham Hill 1, Bebington 0, Colwyn Bay 0, Macclesfield 4; Crewe Vagrants 2, Manchester YMCA 3; Glaxo 1, Lytham St Annes 1; Manchester 1, Winnington Park 2; Manchester University 2, Chester 3: Morecambe 2, Proscol 0: Northop Hall 1, Bramhall 1; Preston 7, West Derby 1

NORTH EAST LEAGUE: First division: Billingham 1, Stockton II 1, Darlington 2, Durham University II 1; Norton II 1, Newcastle University 0; Redcar 0, Sunderland 5, Whitehaven 2, Carlisle 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: France 11, New Zealand 36 (at Carcassonne).

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Featherstone 21 Hull 10

Featherstone: Tries: Simpson 2, Gibson. Goals: Pearson 4 Dropped goal: Pearson Hull: Tries: Grant. Goals: Eastwood 3 Att: 3,301

Hull KR 6 Salford 10

Hull KR: Try: Chatfield Goal: M Fletcher Salford: Tries: Jack, Williams. Goal: Birkett Att: 2,529

Leeds 27 Leigh 18

Leeds: Tries: Tait 2, Cummins, Holroyd, Irving Goals: Holroyd 3 Dropped goal: Holroyd. Leigh: Tries: Hunger 2, Baldwin. Goals: Clarke 3. Att: 6,482

Oldham 2 St Helens 12

Oldham: Goal: Topping. St Helens: Tries: Dannatt, Griffiths. Goal: Prescott. Dropped goals: O'Donnell 2. Att: 5,621.

Wakefield 2 Halifax 12

Wakefield: Goal: Goddard Halifax: Tries: Bentley, Hollos, Robinson. Att: 3,899

Warrington 20 Castleford 10

Warrington: Tries: Mylar 2, Cullen. Goals: Davies 3 Dropped goals: Davies 2. Castleford: Try: Ford. Goals: Crooks 3 Att: 5,775.

Widnes 32 Sheffield 28

Widnes: Tries: Falmato, Goulding, Hadley, McCurrie, Myers. Goals: Goulding 6. Sheffield: Tries: Farrell 2, Hughes 2, Stott. Goals: Acton 4. Att: 3,511.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Warrington	11	9	0	2	224	149	18
St Helens	11	8	0	3	283	149	16
Bradford	10	8	0	2	284	214	16
Castleford	11	7	1	3	293	146	15
Halifax	11	7	1	3	242	191	15
Wigan	9	7	0	2	235	161	14
Featherstone	11	6	1	4	234	250	13
Widnes	10	5	0	5	170	216	10
Leeds	10	4	1	5	213	186	9
Sheffield	10	4	1	5	208	238	9
Hull	11	3	2	6	155	193	8
Hull KR	11	4	0	7	180	279	8
Oldham	11	3	0	8	200	156	6
Wakefield	11	3	0	8	144	238	6
Salford	11	3	0	8	166	267	6
Leigh	11	0	1	10	152	299	1

Second division

Barrow	28	Rochdale	14
Batley	8	Keighley	16
Huddersfield	42	Carlisle	16
Hunslet	8	Workington	10
Ryedale York	10	Dewsbury	27
Swinton	40	Doncaster	20
Whitehaven	32	Highfield	1

Postponed: Bramley v London Crusaders.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	10	10	0	0	315	131	20
Keighley	10	8	0	2	287	156	16
Workington	10	7	0	3	237	129	14
London Crus	10	7	0	3	281	201	14
Dewsbury	10	6	1	3	346	165	13
Ryedale York	10	6	1	3	238	173	13
Whitehaven	10	5	2	3	199	139	12
Barrow	10	6	0	4	251	241	12
Batley	10	6	0	4	208	211	12
Doncaster	10	5	0	5	223	264	10
Carlisle	10	5	0	5	188	250	10
Rochdale	10	3	0	7	226	212	6
Swinton	10	2	0	8	188	296	4
Hunslet	10	1	0	9	136	276	2
Highfield	11	1	0	10	140	480	2
Bramley	9	0	0	9	107	244	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Egremont 28, Blackpool 12, West Hull 20, Chorley 6 Postponed: Dudley Hill v Hemel Hempstead, Saddleworth v Woolston; Wigan St Patricks v Leigh MW. Yesterday: Nottingham City 30, Askam 0.

Late results on Friday

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford Northern 4, Wigan 2 (abandoned after 13 minutes — fog)

YOUNGERS ALLIANCE LEAGUE: First division: St Helens 38, Widnes 18. Second division: Leigh 25, Keighley 14

YOUNGERS YORKSHIRE SENIOR CUP FINAL: Ryedale York 6, Castleford 6 (abandoned at half-time — fog).

SWIMMING

LEICESTER: Speedo British Grand Prix: Men: Friday: 50m freestyle: 1, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 22.53sec; 2, N Metcalfe (City of Leeds), 23 36, 3, A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham), 23 83. 1,500m freestyle: 1, G Smith (Stockport Metro), 15min 07 33sec (Scottish record), 2, P Stackhouse (Stockport Metro), 15 29 89, 3, A Lane (City of Birmingham), 16:01 08 100m butterfly: 1, S Mavin (City of Peterborough), 56.53sec, 2, N Metcalfe (City of Leeds), 56.67, 3, M Smith (City of Leeds), 57.20. 50m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Borough of Waltham Forest), 25 62sec, 2, N Willey (Barnet Copthall), 26.56; 3, A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham), 26 74 100m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), 1min 01.52sec; 2, R Maden (City of Leeds), 1.02 60; 3, P McGinty (Beckenham) 1:04 14. 400m medley: 1, B Rees (Wycombe District), 4min 27 47sec; 2, P Bawster (City of Coventry), 4:27.69; 3, B Lafferty (City of Leeds), 4.33.43

Saturday: 200m freestyle: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln), 1min 49 32sec, 2, A Clayton (City of Leeds), 1:50 26, 3, P Bawster (City of Coventry), 1:53 42 200m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Borough of Waltham Forest), 1.58 04, 2, A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham), 1.58.10; 3, T Kirk (City of Peterborough), 2.06.98 200m breaststroke: 1, N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), 2.11 20; 2, R Maden (City of Leeds), 2 16 28; 3, A Clapper (City of Coventry), 2 20.41. 50m butterfly: 1, M Foster (Barnet Copthall), 24 83sec, 2, N Metcalfe (City of Leeds), 25.33, equal 3, S Mavin (City of Peterborough) and N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), 25.73. 200m butterfly: 1, D Grossby (City of Coventry), 2min 06 57sec; 2, N Parish (Barnet Copthall), 2 07.52; 3, G Lilley (Hounslow Borough), 2 07.98

Women: Friday: 200m freestyle: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell), 2min 00 36sec; 2, C Huddart (City of Leeds), 2.02 41, 3, K Haworth (Manchester United Salford), 2.03.81 200m butterfly: 1, K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 2:17 89; 2, E Strange (City of Oxford), 2:18 28; 3, G Hey (Borough of Kirklees), 2:19.16. 100m backstroke: 1, K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 1min 02.88sec; 2, A Bonnett (Nova Centurion) 1:03.66; 3, J Evans (Nova Centurion), 1.05 55 50m breaststroke: 1, K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton), 32.60, 2, J King (Tigersharks), 33 00; 3, Z Baker (City of Leeds), 33 06 200m medley: 1, S Rolph (City of Newcastle) 2:17 12 (British junior record); 2, S Hardcastle (Bracknell), 2.17.59, 3, D Palmer (Killerwhales), 2:18 93.

Saturday: 50m freestyle: 1, S Rolph (City of Newcastle), 26.59sec, 2, C Willmott (Luton), 26.66; 3, K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton), 26.82. 800m freestyle. 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell), 8min 28.73sec; 2, A Pandrich (Beckenham), 8:47.55, 3, E Arter (City of Leeds), 8:49.04. 200m backstroke: 1,K Osher (Barnet Copthall), 2.13.08, 2, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 2:16.81; 3, C Huddart (City of Leeds), 2.18.65 100m breaststroke: 1, K Rake (Maxwell Chipping Norton), 1:10.65; 2, J King (Tigersharks, Swindon), 1.10.84; 3, H Gorman (Nova Centurion), 1:12.48 50m butterfly: 1, A Bennett (Nova Centurion), 28.73sec; 2, N Goodwin (Nova Centurion), 28.98; 3, S Greenup (Ferndown Otters), 29 32 400m medley: 1, S Hardcastle (Bracknell), 4min 48 67sec; 2, V Horner (Derwentside), 4:52 75, 3, D Palmer (Killerwhales), 4 55 00.

TENNIS

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: World youth championship: Final: France 2, New Zealand 1 (O Mutus lost to T Susnjak, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; J F Bachelot bt S Clark, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, J Potron and Mutus bt M Nielsen and Clark, 6-3, 6-4)

SWANSEA: LTA women's satellite tournament: Finals: Singles: G Coorengel (Holl) bt S-A Siddall (Dorset), 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 Doubles: N Egorova (Russ) and S Parhomenko (Russ) bt A Smith (Staffs) and C Slassen (Holl), 6-1, 6-3

NOTTINGHAM: LTA 18 and under junior circuit event: Singles: Boys: Semi-finals: J Williams (Middx) bt B Webber (Cambs), 6-0, 6-0; G Jones (Kent) bt M Ingham (Lancs), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3. Final: Williams bt Jones, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6. Girls: Semi-finals: T Croson (Derbys) bt J Osman (Sussex), 7-5, 6-4, F Hearn (Middx) bt J Taylor (Cheshire), 6-2, 6-2 Final: Hearn bt Croson, 6-4, 6-0

WEIGHTLIFTING

MELBOURNE: World championships: Men: 108kg class: 1, T Tamazov (Ukr), snatch 195 0, jerk 225 0, total 420 0 kg, 2, S Botev (Aus), 185 0, 232 5, 417 5; 3, I Razorenov (Ukr), 185 0, 230 0, 415 0; 4, G Shakalo (Belarus), 177 5, 212 5, 390 0; 5, T Schweizer (Ger), 165 0, 212 5, 377.5; 6, B Rezaeh (Swe), 167.5, 207 5, 375 0. Women. 83kg class. 1, Li Yajuan (China), 105, 155, 260kg, 2, C Garrett (US), 100, 132 5, 232 5, 3, L Gngourko (Ukr), 100, 115, 215; 4, E Takacs (Hun), 90, 110, 200; 5, S Vasickova (Cz), 85, 107 5, 192 5. 6, M Augee (GB), 85, 107 5, 192 5.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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FA Carling Premiership

Chelsea v Manchester City (8.0)

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Llanelli v Afan Lido.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Leeds v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Leicester v Wolverhampton (7.0), Liverpool v Blackburn (7.0), Sheffield United v York (7 0). Second division: Middlesbrough v Tranmere (7.0) Preston v Burnley; Scunthorpe v Bradford (7 0)

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Arsenal: Charlton v West Ham.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Ashton United v Radcliffe Borough First division cup: Curzon Ashton v Netherfield

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Taunton v Saltash.

OTHER SPORT

MOTOR RALLYING: RAC Rally

SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship (Preston)

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MARC ASPLAND



Sebastian Lindholm makes a splash as he powers through the water in his Escort Cosworth at Chatsworth on the opening day of the RAC Rally yesterday

Kankkunen's control freezes out rivals



Oliver Holt sees a flying Finn who holds four world titles slip-sliding away at the head of the RAC Rally

THE RAC Rally began yesterday as a glorious winter odyssey, a slipping, sliding procession of 164 drivers and cars that quickly passed from the gloomy setting of central Birmingham to the beauty of a succession of stately homes. Once there, it weaved its way through their grounds alongside knots of children dragging sleds and parents sipping hot coffee from thermos flasks.

Armin Schwarz, of Germany, whose anonymity is testimony to rallying's minority status in Britain, led for the first five stages until a spin handed the advantage to Juha Kankkunen, who has already won the world championship this year, his fourth title in all.

The Finn finished the day back in Birmingham 14 seconds ahead of Schwarz and 17 seconds ahead of Colin McRae, the Scot, 25, who represents Britain's best chance of winning the rally, sponsored by Network Q, for the first time since Roger Clark achieved the feat in 1976. The second-placed Briton, Malcolm Wilson, finished the day eighth overall, 69 seconds behind the leader.

The drivers traditionally regard the first day with antipathy, as something of an artificial sop to the 150,000 spectators who flock to venues like Oulton Park, Chatsworth House and Donington Park, a tiresome prelude to the real business of the rally which begins today in the inhospitable Welsh forests before moving on to the proving ground of Kielder, in Northumberland, tomorrow.

It is an overworked maxim that the rally cannot be won, only lost, on this day and by the end of the fourth stage. McRae had slipped to seventh position and a daunting 21 seconds behind Schwarz. But as he drove across the Pennines to Chatsworth and the next timed stage, his heart must have lifted as the cattle huddling in hillside gullies and the thickness of snow on car windscreens provided evidence of the worsening conditions on which he thrives.

At Chatsworth, he set the quickest time over the 6.5-mile stage, covering it in eight minutes 11 seconds and rescuing his opening day.

Most of Derbyshire seemed to have descended on the stately home and the sun glinted off thousands of car roofs as spectators in wellington boots and bobble hats trudged through thickening mud and smatterings of snow to the watersplash or the hairpin bend in the shadow of the home of the Duke of Devonshire.

Those who had been there since dawn stood high on the hill in the woods overlooking the grounds, some sitting on cardboard boxes, leaning against tree trunks, others perched at prime vantage points. Everywhere the crowds were three or four deep behind the cordons that kept them a safe distance from the whirling, spinning, sliding cars.

Just before 1.30pm, whistles sounded a shrill warning of the approaching competitors. Seconds later, somewhere in the woods, there came the sound of an engine and the crackle and roar of a traction control system. Down below, near the house, the noise sounded like a beast rampaging through the trees.

Kankkunen was the first into view, accelerating down towards the hairpin in his dirty white Toyota Celica, his car twitching first one way, then the other, then sliding in a perfect arc on the wet surface, his foot never leaving the accelerator despite his sideways motion.

Next was McRae, the headlights of his yellow and blue Subaru Impreza incongruous in the bright sunshine, his hands fighting to control the steering wheel, his smoothness round the bend belying his reputation as the wild man of rally driving.

Behind him was the urbane Frenchman, Francois Delecour, this season's championship runner-up, so smooth and controlled that even his windscreen seemed appreciably cleaner than those of his rivals.

Next Kenneth Eriksson, lying third in his Mitsubishi, then Ari Vatanen, the short, abbreviated sliding of Didier Auriol, and another perfect arc from Schwarz.

They all went round the hairpin safely, all of them avoiding the straw bales put there as flimsy insurance against any mistakes, all ignoring the signs on the stone arch behind them which read: "Dead Slow. Hoot."

After Chatsworth, the rally headed east to Clumber Park and then to Donington into the setting sun and icy conditions that would have made Ayrton Senna blanch. McRae set another quickest time there but slipped back a little bit on the eighth stage before consolidating on the ninth.

"I am very satisfied with the way it has gone today," McRae said. I had to run the new car in a little bit over the early stages and I am confident I can go quicker tomorrow when the stages get longer. I just wanted to stay on the pace today and not drop out of sight of Kankkunen."

LEADING POSITIONS (after first leg, stages 1-9): 1, J Kankkunen/N Grist (Fin/GB), Toyota Celica, 38min 34sec; 2, A Schwarz/P Thul (Ger), Mitsubishi Lancer, 38:48; 3, K Eriksson/S Parmander (Swe), Mitsubishi Lancer, 38:49; 4, C McRae/D Ringer (GB), Subaru Impreza, 38:51; 5, A Vatanen/B Berglund (Fin/Swe), Subaru Impreza, 39:00; 6, F Delecour/D Grataloup (Fr), Ford Escort, 39:05; 7, D Auriol/V Occelli (Fr), Toyota Celica, 39:08; 8, M Wilson/B Thomas (GB), Ford Escort, 39:43; 9, R Burns/R Reid (GB), Subaru Legacy, 39:49; 10 M Jonsson/L Backman (Swe), Toyota Celica, 39:55

White stunned as Morgan fights back to reach last 16

BY PHIL YATES

JIMMY White relinquished his hold on the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship title when, astoundingly, he was beaten 9-7 by Darren Morgan in the last 16 of the event at Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

Although White, a perennially poor early-season performer, had struggled in the opening three tournaments of the 1993-4 campaign, a comfortable passage into the quarter-finals seemed all but assured at the end of Saturday's first session when he led 6-2.

After all, it was argued Morgan had been trounced 9-1 by White at the corresponding stage of the 1991 UK championship and, on his own admission, had a less than impressive record against the game's top players.

However, against all expectations, including his own, Morgan, the world No. 10, produced the best performance of his five-year professional career, both in terms of quality and tenacity, to win seven of the eight frames played in the concluding session.

Morgan, 27, from Cwmfelinfach, Gwent, said: "To be honest I gave myself very little chance of coming back to win. That's an outstanding result for me. I would rather play anyone than Jimmy because if you catch him on form, that's it."

White, who lost 5-3 to Ken Doherty in the last 16 when defending the Skoda Grand Prix title last month, opened the door for a possible Morgan revival by missing a sequence of elementary pots in the first two frames of the session.

Morgan, the 1987 world amateur champion and runner-up in this year's Asian Open after edging White 5-4 in the semi-finals, took them both to trail only 6-4 and he did not allow White to score a point in the next two as he drew level at 6-6 with unanswered breaks of 99, 31 and 47.

In the first round White overcame a similar mid-match crisis when, from 6-0 he lost five successive frames to David McDonnell, the world No. 105, before winning 9-6, and it appeared as though he had regained control in the thirteenth frame against Morgan.

White compiled a break of 52, only to miss a straightforward, short range, red, and Morgan cleared with 75 to lead for the first time in the match at 7-6.

A break of 90 soon increased this advantage to 8-6 and White, from being a virtual certain winner at the start of the afternoon's proceedings, suddenly looked destined to suffer a particularly painful defeat.

A late run of 43 in the fifteenth frame earned White a brief stay of execution but Morgan responded with an excellent break of 106 to complete, arguably, the most unexpected recovery of the snooker year.

Morgan, who will play Terry Griffiths or Dean Reynolds for a place in the semi-finals, cited Peter Ebdon's triumph in the Grand Prix three weeks ago — and the media exposure he received before and after it — as a motivation.

"I'm probably the least known player in the top ten



White: missed pots

and I wanted to do something about it," he said. "Apart from the odd result and wearing that pony-tail and flashy waistcoat, Peter hadn't really done anything to deserve the attention he was getting. Now I should get some."

White, gracious in defeat as always, praised Morgan, saying: "I'm totally gutted because I'm hitting the ball well but, fair play, I don't think I've ever seen Darren play any better than that."

Stephen Hendry, the world champion, established a 5-3 first-session lead over Martin Clark with a break of 131 in the closing frame of the afternoon. Hendry, the UK champion in 1989 and 1990, also compiled breaks of 90 and 48.

Nigel Bond, the ninth seed, became the first player to reach the quarter-finals when he beat Drew Henry, of Glasgow, 9-6 on Saturday.

Steve Davis, winner of the event six times between 1980 and 1987, resumed his third-round match against Tony Drago, of Malta, leading 6-2 after the first eight frames.

SCORES: Third round: Saturday: N Bond (Eng) bt D Henry (Scot), 9-6; Yesterday: D Morgan (Wales) bt J White (Eng), 9-7; S Hendry (Scot) leads M Clark (Eng), 5-3.

Gymkhana gain victory at last

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

INDIAN Gymkhana found their touch in the second half to beat Bournville 2-1 yesterday at Imperial College and secured their first win in the Pizza Express national hockey league after three defeats and three drawn matches.

Neil Mallett put Bournville ahead in the 26th minute with a neat flick from eight yards out after picking up a centre from the left. But Gymkhana took control soon after the interval and levelled the score in the 59th minute with Simon Samuel showing marvellous skills, eluding three defenders to score. At that time Gymkhana were reduced to ten men with Charanjit Bhaura under suspension for a questionable tackle.

Continuing their dominance, Gymkhana went ahead with a well-taken goal by James Michael in the 62nd minute. Bournville hinted at recovery in the last five minutes but failed to seize their chances.

East Grinstead and Teddington suffered setbacks. In the televised match at Birmingham University East Grinstead lost 21-3 to Cannock in a well contested match with Edwards giving Cannock the lead in the eighteenth minute from a short corner and Gibson replying for East Grinstead, five minutes later.

Mills regained the lead for Cannock from a short corner in the 45th minute but Lee levelled the score from a penalty stroke two minutes later. Five minutes before the end, Hughes-Rowlands scored the winning goal for Cannock.

Teddington were beaten 2-0 by Stourport for whom Knott scored in the 29th minute with Owen Jones adding to the score 12 minutes into the second half. Paddy Osborn scored twice for Reading in a 4-0 win over Slough.

The day's biggest win was achieved by Trojans, who defeated Firebrands 5-1. Archer and Shepherd put Trojans 2-0 in front by half-time. Lane-Smith and Mark Tubb increased the lead to 4-0 in the second half before Purchase scored for Firebrands. But Trojans broke away immediately after that for Bailey to score the fifth goal.

Goals by Molloy and Tinkler enabled Surbiton to defeat Isca 2-0 and stay on top of the second division. Oxford University drew 2-2 with Brooklands, Daniel Edwards and Graham from a penalty stroke scoring for Oxford and Maguire and Aldred replying for Brooklands.

Harborne lifted themselves off the bottom of the Second Division by defeating Cheltenham 1-0 for their first victory after two drawn games and four defeats, Jackson scoring in the fiftieth minute.

The leadership of the first division was unchanged as both Southgate and Hounslow were involved in postponed matches.

On Saturday, Cambridge City qualified to meet Harrogate in the fourth round of the Hockey Association Cup by defeating Harleston Magpies 3-2, after extra time, in the postponed third round match, the score standing at 1-1 at the end of normal time. Knight, Hammond and Lloyd scored for Cambridge City in answer to goals by Davis and Ginns for Harleston.

Harris in top spot for world title tilt

BY CRAIG LORD

MARTIN Harris, of Waltham Forest, will go to the the world short-course swimming championships in Palma de Majorca next week as No 3 in the world this year, but favourite for the 100 metres backstroke title, after a 54.70sec victory at the Speedo British Grand Prix at Leicester yesterday.

The time, 0.10sec slower than his own British record, is the fastest entry time for Palma, with Jeff Rouse, the world record-holder, from the United States, and Scott Millar, of Australia, the world top two, not named among their national teams.

Harris, who heard only last week that his coach, Mark Taylor, is soon to leave Britain for his native America, was delighted with both his 100 and 200 metres swims, which came just one day into his ten-day taper — an ease-down in training before a big competition.

Also rising on the world ranking last night was Sarah Hardcastle. But she flatly turned down eleventh-hour entry to Palma, despite emerging as third and fourth fastest in the world at 400 and 800 metres freestyle, respectively.

After a 4min 07.97sec at 400 metres and 8min 28.73sec at 800 metres, she said she did not feel ready for the challenge. Having recently moved to Rosa Gallop at the Bracknell club, Hardcastle said she was happier to stay at home.

Sloothaak quick to repeat victory

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN BERLIN

FRANKE Sloothaak brought the Deutschlandhalle to its feet when he and his Dutch-bred mare, San Patrignano Dorina, won the £15,000 grand prix, less than 24 hours after they had triumphed in the Volvo World Cup qualifier.

In an exciting jump-off, the first four riders each produced successively faster rounds. Sloothaak, going fifth, looked to have an impossible task after his compatriot, Lars Nieberg, on Nistria, finished in 29.50sec.

But Sloothaak, 35, relishes a challenge. Cutting corners and turning his agile eight-year-old mare into fences just two strides away, he finished in 29.01sec — to a deafening roar from his home crowd.

Michael Whitaker had the uneasy task of going sixth — and last — in the jump-off and retired after hitting two fences. John Whitaker and Everest Grannusch failed to reach the jump-off but took seventh place with the fastest round of those on four faults.

Sloothaak has a potential £408,000 in his sights after his comfortable win in the World Cup qualifier on Saturday — the first leg of a new four-part show jumping grand slam series. It is the third time in five years that the stylish Sloothaak has won the event.

Surprisingly, he was one of only three of the 37 starters to master Olaf Peterson's deceptive opening round. In the jump-off, Sloothaak went last and gambled on a slow, clear round. The first two riders — Roelof Bril, of Holland, on Let's Go, and Rene Tebbel, on Sloothaak's former top horse, Walzerkoenig — had incurred four faults.

The best British performance came from John Whitaker on Everest Gammon, who was one of 13 to finish in joint fourth place with four faults.

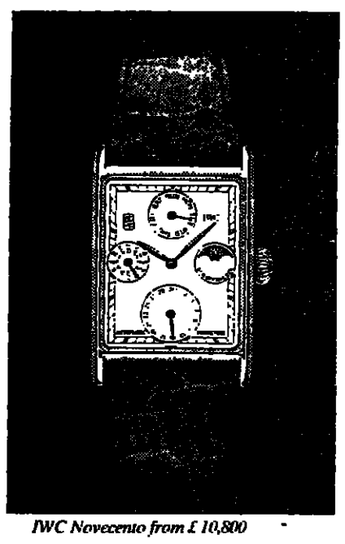
Sloothaak, whose two previous wins came on Walzerkoenig, attributed Dorina's fine performances to her absence from the circuit for much of the year. She injured a foreleg in February. Although she was fit again within three months, she has been jumped sparingly since.

"She's a wonderful horse," Sloothaak said. "She has a fantastic character and the right mind for the sport — I think she thanks me for giving her that time off." Sloothaak will contest the second leg of the grand slam at Olympia next month. A win in each of the four qualifiers in the series would net him £408,000.

The dressage World Cup qualifier yesterday produced another popular winner in Klaus Balkenhol, who helped Germany to win the Olympic team title last year.

Jennie Loriston-Clarke, of Great Britain, finished eleventh on Catherston Dazzler and fulfilled her aim of qualifying for the World Equestrian Games in The Hague next July.

RESULT: World Cup qualifier: 1, San Patrignano Dorina (F Sloothaak, Ger) 0 faults in 47.65sec; 2, Bolhorn's Let's Go (R Bril, Holl), 4, 37.56; 3, Walzerkoenig (R Tebbel, Ger), 4, 40.04. World Cup dressage: 1, Goldstern (K Balkenhol, Ger), 79.54pts; 2, Hermann's Grand Gilbert (N Uphoff-Becker, Ger), 76.90; 3 Donnerhall (K Rehbein, Ger), 74.32. Leading Briton: 11, Catherston Dazzler (J Loriston-Clarke), 63.63. Grand prix: 1, San Patrignano Dorina (F Sloothaak, Ger), 0 faults in 29.01sec; 2, Nistria (L Nieberg, Ger), 0, 29.50; 3, Schalkhaar (E Macken, Ire), 0, 29.65. Positions in Western European League of World Cup: 1, J Lansink (Holl), 76pts; 2, B Grandjean (Switz), 39; 3, L McNaught-Mandli (Switz), 36. Leading Briton: equal 11, J Popely, 25.



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Morant has troubled start at Aintree

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

SIMON Morant faces a crisis of confidence as senior starter despite the success of the new starting system used at Aintree on Saturday. Although the two races over the Grand National fences went off without a hitch. Morant was embroiled in controversy over the way he began the sixth race and yesterday it became clear that some senior jockeys and trainers are losing faith in him. They fear human error could prompt another Aintree shambles.

Morant, in charge of the fiasco at the start of a Chepstow race two weeks ago, incurred the wrath of David Nicholson on Saturday after he began the four-runner Tote Bookmakers Novices' Chase without Meleagris, who had been troublesome at the start.

Nicholson said yesterday: "I am not at all happy with the starter. I have lost confidence in him and I believe other people have too. The starter and the jockeys have got to get together and have confidence in one another."

Reflecting on Saturday, Nicholson added: "He didn't give my horse a chance. I appreciate mine can be awkward, which is why I had my assistant down at the start, but he was not given a fair crack of the whip. I lodged a complaint but the stewards found no fault with the starter."

The concern about Morant's performance since taking over from Keith Brown is also felt by some, though not all, jockeys. In particular, he is compared unfavourably with another starter, Bill Rees, the former royal jockey, who commands widespread respect within the weighing room for the authoritative manner in which he begins races.

Adrian Maguire said yesterday: "Everyone has got themselves in a panic after the National. There is a lot of concern among the jockeys. Racing is so competitive, especially in the south, where every inch at the start counts.

"Jockeys have to be alert. The starter is panicking now and getting us off as quickly as he can. In the first race at Aintree on Saturday he did not hang about at all. I was walking across to get my position when he let them off.

"There is an air of panic and it must be sorted out or there will be another disaster. It would help if a meeting was called where trainers and jockeys could express their views to the starters."

Six jockeys met the starters during the recent Mackeson meeting at Cheltenham and one of them, Jamie Osborne, said yesterday: "We came to the conclusion that starting races should not be that difficult and with co-operation from both sides it was not going to be a problem."

David Pipe, the Jockey Club spokesman, insisted yesterday Nicholson was "completely out of touch" as there were regular discussions between both sides. As an experienced starter, Morant had taken a view that Nicholson's horse was not prepared to run on Saturday and to delay any longer' would have jeopardised the start, Pipe added.

Pipe's observations backed up Morant's post-race comment, reported in the *Sunday Express*, that it did not look as though Meleagris was ever going to jump off. "I don't think the horse would have started if I had waited until tomorrow," he said. Morant was not available for comment yesterday.

Pipe added: "He [Morant] could not have been more cool or composed on Saturday. People had written he was under a lot of pressure, but it didn't seem to show at all."

Maguire was hopeful yesterday that he would ride today. He suffered crashing falls on Howe Street and Ushers Island at Aintree and inflamed an old hip injury.

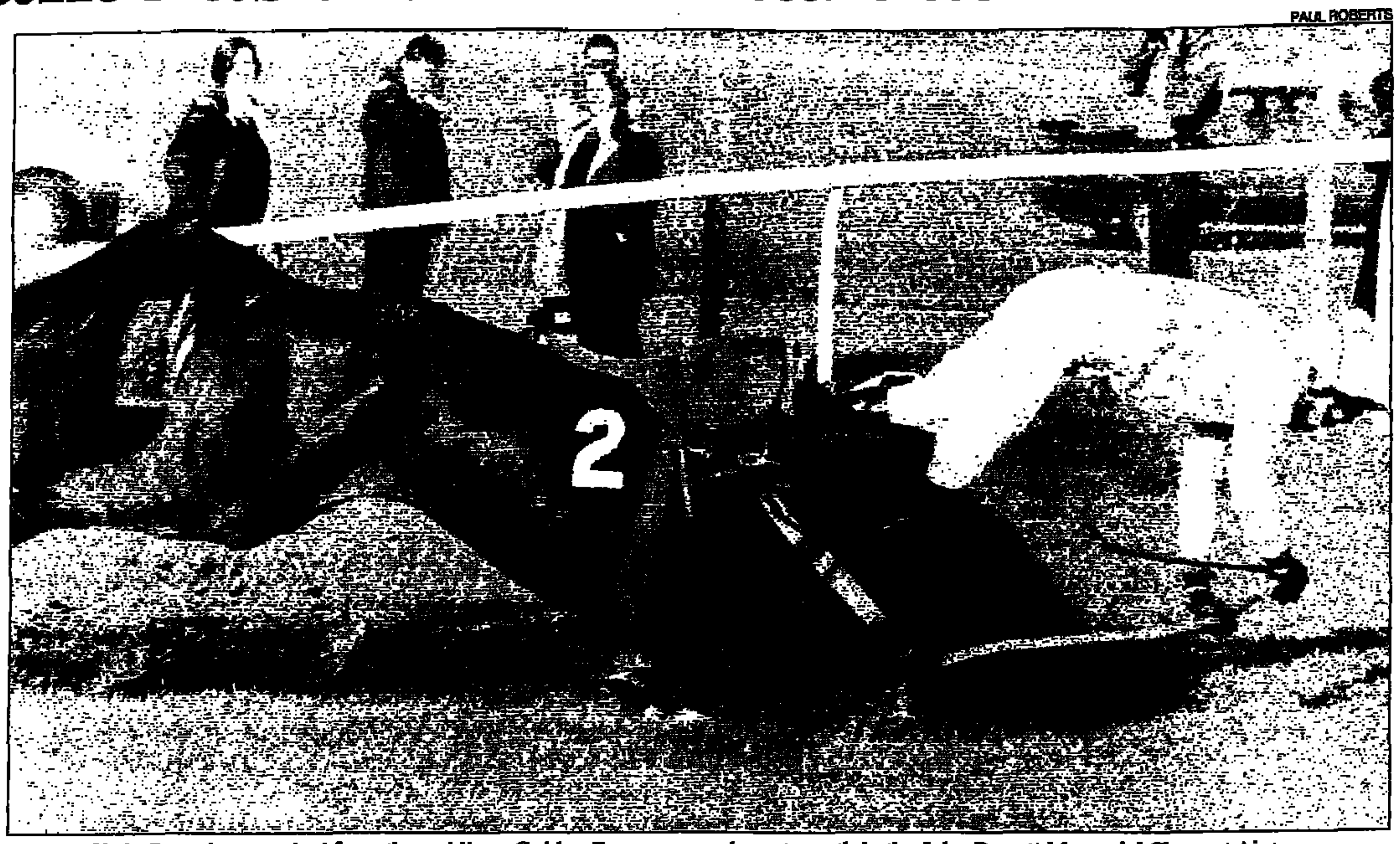
Looking ahead to the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury this Saturday, the invaluable services of Maguire have yet to be snapped up. Jenny Pitman will decide later this week who rides Royal Athlete, the probable top weight, but it is likely to be a jockey who has previous experience of partnering her top-class chaser.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SCOTONI
(1.25 Folkestone)
Next best: Sacrosanct
(2.25 Folkestone)

Beginning today, *The Times* will carry the Private Handicapper's ratings on the two leading racecards.

PAUL ROBERTS



Chris Grant is catapulted from the saddle as Golden Freeze comes down to earth in the John Parrett Memorial Chase at Aintree

Cartier prizes deserve better

Cartier claims with pride and increasing justification that its annual awards represent the ultimate accolade in the racing world.

Few, if any, of those who attended the glittering gala evening in London last Wednesday for this year's presentation of the awards would disagree, least of all the winners. Or, at any rate, those who had the courtesy to turn up.

There was Jeff Smith, the proud owner of Lochsong, who deservedly won the Horse of the Year title. Smith spoke for all of us when he said: "This is the nearest thing to an Oscar in racing, and when we think of Oscars, we think of stars. For me, and everyone who voted for her, Lochsong is an absolute star."

There was Francois Boutin, a giant of a man in spirit and stature, who won a standing ovation as he collected his award of merit from Lester Piggott. Despite his illness he made the journey from France. His bravery and courage shone through like a beacon on the darkest night.

There was Lord Carnarvon, honoured to receive an award for the second year running; Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing manager to Khaled Abdulla, who stepped up for Commander In Chief's award; the executors of the Moller estate thrilled by First Trump's success; and Tony Smurfit from Ireland thanks to the historic Melbourne Cup success of Vintage Crop.

And there was Justin Wadham. Justin who? you might ask. It was the unanswered question of the evening as he stepped forward, not once but twice, to collect awards on behalf of Shaikh Mohammed, owner of Intrepidity and Opera House.

"I am sure Shaikh Mohammed will be very proud and tremendously excited," he said on the second occasion.

I doubt it. If the world's biggest owner was that proud or excited he might have taken the effort to attend himself. If, as is likely, Shaikh Mohammed was unaware of the occasion, his racing manager, Anthony Stroud, should have been present.

In a mind-boggling display of bad manners, matched only by the arrogance which one has come to expect from those who attempt to run Dalham Hall on behalf of the Shaikh, Stroud and his minions were in Dubai.

So, it was left to Mr Wadham to fill the gap. By all accounts he is a charming man who splits his time between working for David Minton, the successful bloodstock agent, and being a part-time legal adviser at Dalham Hall. But he should not have been representing Shaikh Mohammed at the Cartier awards.

If he was slightly bemused by his role, as it appeared, imagine the thoughts going through the mind of Michael Stoute, whose training talents saw Opera House transformed into a triple group one winner last season. Although present, Shaikh Mohammed or Stroud did not see fit to allow him to collect the award for best older horse.

Race and award sponsors deserve better treatment than that accorded by the Shaikh Mohammed empire to Cartier. It would be nice to think an apology might be forthcoming and whoever was responsible would be reprimanded. That is unlikely as it would involve loss of face; almost as much loss of face as their absence caused on Wednesday.

RICHARD EVANS

Racing commentary

Hopes rise as frost relents

PROSPECTS are good for today's three meetings after frost savaged the racing programme on Saturday. A planned 4pm inspection at Catterick yesterday was cancelled after snow cleared from the course during the day, although Folkestone will inspect at 7.30am.

Cliff Griggs, the clerk of the course, said yesterday: "We have no frost but there is a slight covering of snow. More is forecast so we will have to look in the morning."

No problems are reported at Southwell, which stages an all-weather Flat fixture, and hopes are rising that Huntingdon's fixture tomorrow will survive.

Trainer defends Bradley's riding

TRAINER Pat Flynn is to appeal against Saturday's decision by the Navan stewards that he and jockey Graham Bradley used the racecourse "as a training ground" for Auld Stock in the Tara Three-Year-Old Hurdle (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

Bradley received a seven-day suspension under a rule relating to non-triers. The stewards were unhappy with the running and riding of Auld Stock, who finished a never-dangerous seventh.

According to Bradley, Auld Stock, who was making her second start over hurdles, "choked" between the last two flights and again when pulling up. On *dismounting*, Bradley told Flynn: "She needs to be hobdayed."

However, the stewards felt the horse had been schooled in public. Flynn was fined £300 and Bradley given a ban to begin a week today. Bradley said: "I am sick. The mare was whinnying and making a gurgling noise before the home turn, so I left her alone and she then began to pick up past tired horses near the finish.

"I would have been wrong to have abused her when she was obviously in distress. The only good thing is that I will not miss the Hennessy meeting at Newbury."

Bradley, enjoying a resurgent season, partners the well-fancied Black Humour in the Hennessy on Saturday.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.05 St Louis Lady
12.35 Silver Slipper
1.05 Duball Remy
1.35 Nordico Princess
2.05 Calamanco
2.35 Karinska
3.05 Eurotwist
3.35 Trioming

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
1.35 **NORDICO PRINCESS.**

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

12.05 BLUE MOON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,348: 7f) (10 runners)

1	(9)	403322	CLARION CALL 12 (B) (F Salman) P Cole 9-0	A Munro	98
2	(8)	06850	COLLECTOR GENERAL 18 (B Kelly) B Kelly 9-0	Paul Eddery	–
3	(1)	56	DOME PATROL 9 (D Wiltshire) W Muir 9-0	Kim McDonnell	83
4	(6)	60	INTERACT 25 (D Seale) R Hannon 9-0	L Dettori	83
5	(2)	0060	REGAL RAMBLER 33 (D Brereton) L Barratt 9-0	S Sanders (7)	–
6	(5)	0	UCKERBY LAD 104 (W Barker) W Barker 9-0	S Webster	–
7	(4)	00	DARLIN'BUDS OF MAY 21 (D Wright) P Felgate 8-9	J Fanning	–
8	(3)	50	GROVE PRIMROSE 14 (P Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 8-9	S Mulvey (7)	–
9	(10)	6460	LADY WESTBURY 53 (P Riley) K Burke 8-9	T Sprake	75
10	(7)	52	ST LOUIS LADY 27 (BF) (Mrs S Thomas) W Jarvis 8-9	M Tebbutt	●

BETTING: 5-4 St Louis Lady, 7-4 Clarion Call, 6-1 Interact, 10-1 Dome Patrol, 16-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING MEETING

FORM FOCUS

CLARION CALL 2½l 2nd of 11 to Four Of Spades in claimer at Lingfield (AW, 6f). COLLECTOR GENERAL best recent effort when 8½l 6th of 14 to Tongabezi in auction race at Roscommon (7f, yielding). DOME PATROL about 8½l 6th of 13 to Little Ibnr in seller at Lingfield (AW, 7f). INTERACT 18l 7th of 16 to Sherman in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good). LADY WESTBURY best recent effort when 7¾l 4th of 9 to Wandering Angel in seller here (AW, 6f). ST LOUIS LADY 6l 2nd of 21 to Mr Bergerac in maiden auction at Leicester (6f, good to soft) with DARLIN'BUDS OF MAY (same terms) 21l 13th.
Selection: ST LOUIS LADY

12.35 BUCK'S FIZZ CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £3,002: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(9)	412304	BOLD ALEX 23 (D,S) (S Norton) S Norton 8-11	D Gibbs (7)	94
2	(5)	045136	THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 6 (B,D,F) (E Goody) W G M Turner 8-9	T Sprake	94
3	(12)	500	VIVS FUTURE 14 (A Collins) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-7	G Bardwell	–
4	(2)	0	MR SOX 27 (M Harding) R Brotherton 8-6	V Slattery	–
5	(10)	6	NEEDWOOD CUBE 17 (Needwood Racing Ltd) B Morgan 8-6	S D Williams	78
6	(4)	001104	SILVER SLIPPER 14 (B,F) (S Threadwell) R Hannon 8-6	L Dettori	97
7	(11)	005000	MELODY DANCER 20 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-5	M Humphries (7)	87
8	(3)	50	YENGEMA 18 (Mrs J Nichols) R Spicer 8-3	A Clark	96
9	(6)	56	SARAH'S OPERA 74 (G Martin) K Burke 8-2	A Munro	72
10	(8)	00	ANGELIC DANCER 56 (Mrs P Barratt) S Bowring 8-1	N Kennedy (3)	–
11	(7)	4	MARINERS GUIDE 14 (M Foreman) J Banks 8-1	L Newton (5)	–
12	(1)	000041	RED GRIT 14 (B,C,G) (C Wilson) M Dods 8-1	L Charnock	●

BETTING: 7-4 Silver Slipper, 5-2 Bold Alex, 4-1 Red Grit, 6-1 Threepenny-Bridge, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BOLD ALEX best recent effort when 4l 3rd of 15 to Jost Flamenco in nursery at Pontefract (6f, soft). THREEPENNY-BRIDGE best recent effort when beating Little Hooligan neck in 11-runner seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). SILVER SLIPPER best recent effort when beating Princess Carmen 1½l in 11-runner seller at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). YENGEMA 5½l 5th of 13 to Star Jazz in maiden auction at Beverley (7f 100yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. MARINERS GUIDE 14½l 4th of 10 to Monkey's Wedding in claimer here (AW, 5f). RED GRIT beat Claret Bumble ¾l in 11-runner claimer here (AW, 5f).
Selection: SILVER SLIPPER

1.05 BLUE MOON MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,348: 7f) (10 runners)

1	(6)	06	GARDNER DOUGLAS 14 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	A Clark	–
2	(8)	0	JACKS TO OPEN 19 (The Jampot Partnership) J Hills 9-0	Paul Eddery	●
3	(5)		JUST JUNIOR (R Courtney) W G M Turner 9-0	T Sprake	–
4	(2)	60	MANOLETE 84 (C Barber-Lomax) C W C Elsey 9-0	N Kennedy (3)	94
5	(3)	06	PRUSSIA 14 (G Rock) M Prescott 9-0	C Nutter	77
6	(4)	350	BRITANNIA MILLS 96 (A Mann) M Chapman 8-9	D McCabe (5)	95
7	(10)	00	BUCKLEY BOYS 14 (The Buckley Boys Partnership) A Bailey 8-9	S Whitworth	–
8	(1)	022553	DUBALL REMY 14 (D Ball) Miss G Kelleway 8-9	A Munro	98
9	(9)	50	FORESTA VERDE 14 (C Booth) C Booth 8-9	L Charnock	89
10	(7)	0	MISS TIPSY 16 (Mrs P Valentine) W Haigh 8-9	Dale Gibson	–

BETTING: 7-4 Duball Remy, 3-1 Prussia, 7-2 Jacks To Open, 8-1 Britannia Mills, Foresta Verde, 12-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GARDNER DOUGLAS 15l 6th of 10 to Monkey's Wedding in claimer here (AW, 5f) with BUCKLEY BOYS (same terms) 3l 10th. JACKS TO OPEN 15l 8th of 13 to Broadway Flyer in maiden at Bath (1m, good). MANOLETE 11½l 6th of 12 to Syabas in maiden auction at Thirsk (7f, good) on penultimate start. BRITANNIA MILLS best recent effort when 7l 3rd of 8 to Knayton Lass in maiden at Beverley (5f, good to firm). DUBALL REMY 2l 3rd of 9 to Smart Family in maiden over course and distance with PRUSSIA (same terms) 10½l 5th.
Selection: DUBALL REMY

1.35 BUCK'S FIZZ CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,002: 6f) (12 runners)

1	(1)	06	UPPER GROSVENOR 6 (H H Sultan Ahmad Shah) P Cole 9-0	C Rutter	67
2	(6)	04261	FOUR OF SPADES 12 (B,D,G) (B Cassidy) B Beasley 8-8	A Munro	88
3	(10)	4600	NAPOLEON STAR 27 (A Whitehead) M Saunders 8-7	M Wigham	82
4	(7)	440	PELAMIS 84 (Bron Farmers) J Wharton 8-6	J Fanning	80
5	(8)	120250	UP THE MARINERS 59 (CD,G) (Mariners Partnership) J Mooney 8-5	K Rutter (5)	80
6	(9)	224	CINNAMON SPRINGS 21 (Mark Tompkins Racing) M Tompkins 8-4	S Mulvey (7)	86
7	(2)	001	GIGGLESWICK GIRL 12 (D,G) (M Bishop) M Channon 8-4	Paul Eddery	92
8	(5)	000030	TOOGOODFORYOU 6 (B) (C Tonkins) N Bycroft 8-4	Darren Moffatt (5)	63
9	(11)	625000	NORDICO PRINCESS 17 (CD,G) (J Graham) R Hollinshead 8-1	A Garth (5)	●
10	(4)	0650	TRYSAIL 63 (B Farr) J Glover 8-1	T Williams	71
11	(3)	0400	LEESON STREET LADY 16 (A Rideout) B Palling 8-0	Stephen Davies (3)	61
12	(12)	003	LIVELY 14 (A Perry) G Lewis 7-13	B Russell (5)	83

BETTING: 3-1 Giggleswick Girl, 7-2 Four Of Spades, 5-1 Upper Grosvenor, 6-1 Lively, 8-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

UPPER GROSVENOR 5¾l 6th of 10 to Global Dancer in maiden over course and distance. FOUR OF SPADES beat Clarion Call 2½l in 11-runner claimer at Lingfield (AW, 6f). UP THE MARINERS best recent effort 1½l 2nd of 9 to Ferryman in claimer at Lingfield (6f, good). CINNAMON SPRINGS 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Mister Beat in maiden auction over course and distance on penultimate start. GIGGLESWICK GIRL beat Tutu Sadyso 1½l in 12-runner claimer at Lingfield (AW, 6f). LIVELY 1l 3rd of 17 to Red Grit in claimer here (AW, 5f).
Selection: GIGGLESWICK GIRL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Jarvis	10	38	26.3	L Dettori	14	53	26.4
T Thomson Jones	9	36	25.0	V Halliday	7	33	21.2
P Cole	15	63	23.8	M Tebbutt	9	47	19.1
T Barron	66	294	22.4	K Rutter	7	40	17.5
R Spicer	12	55	21.8	D Biggs	27	171	15.8
S Norton	28	143	19.6	C Nutter	5	32	15.6

2.05 PINA COLADA LIMITED STAKES (£3,209: 6f) (14 runners)

1	(5)	200000	LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 18 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-0	Madeleine Smith (7)	89
2	(3)	053000	PALEY PRINCE 18 (F,G) (M Usher) M Usher 7-9-0	A Munro	90
3	(10)	485500	PETRACO 23 (D,G,S) (B Hampson) N Smith 5-9-0	S D Williams	97
4	(1)	064601	SIR TASKER 6 (C,F,G) (J Coupland) J Harris 5-9-0	D Biggs	●
5	(13)	650201	ASHGORE 6 (C,D,F,G) (H Ashworth) M Johnston 3-8-13	T Williams	96
6	(12)	224506	CLANROCK 9 (D Gill) R Whitaker 3-8-13	S Perks	84
7	(2)	506000	DAANIERA 9 (V,CD,G,S) (The Hammond Partnership) P Howling 3-8-13	M Tebbutt	81
8	(7)	000005	MOUJEEB 53 (V) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 3-8-13	P Bowe (7)	73
9	(8)	643440	NOBLE MEASURE 31 (B) (J Doxey) S Bowring 3-8-13	G Strange (7)	73
10	(4)	0-00000	BREEZY DAY 16 (D,G,S) (Mrs J McMahon) B McMahon 7-8-9	S Sanders (7)	93
11	(9)	222000	FOLLOWMEGIRLS 19 (D,F,G) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 4-8-9	A Clark	85
12	(11)	283255	ABERLADY 9 (F,G) (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 3-8-8	L Dettori	91
13	(6)	433155	CALAMANCO 6 (S) (H Ellis) A Smith 3-8-8	S Webster	95
14	(14)	153030	OARE SPARROW 9 (V,F) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 3-8-8	Paul Eddery	98

BETTING: 7-2 Ashgore, 5-1 Aberlady, Sir Tasker, 6-1 Oare Sparrow, Paley Prince, 8-1 Petraco, Clanrock, 10-1 Calamanco, 12-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

LETSBEONESTABOUTIT best recent effort when 2l 4th of 20 to OK Bertie in handicap at Haydock (6f, good to firm). PETRACO best recent effort when 8½l 5th of 23 to Benzoe in handicap at York (6f, heavy).
SIR TASKER beat Pallium 2½l in 17-runner handicap here (AW, 5f) with CALAMANCO (7lb better off) 1¾l 5th.
ASHGORE beat Karinska 3l in 16-runner handicap here (AW, 7f). MOUJEEB 4l 5th of 16 to Saseedo in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good). ABERLADY 2l 5th of 10 to Serious Hurry in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f) with CLANROCK (8lb worse off) head 6th. DAANIERA (3lb better off) 11l 8th and OARE SPARROW (same terms) 1l 9th.
Selection: ASHGORE (nap)

2.35 BLACK RUSSIAN HANDICAP (£3,757: 1m) (16 runners)

1	(8)	0-44005	HAMADRYAD 110 (F,G) (O Irshid) S Norton 5-10-0	D Gibbs (7)	92
2	(12)	1000-00	MAJOR MOUSE 27 (D,F,G) (N Barber) W Haigh 5-9-11	S D Williams	80
3	(9)	061453	GOLD BLADE 17 (BF,F,G) (R Berenson) N Graham 4-9-8	D Biggs	83
4	(11)	105630	JAHANGIR 39 (D,F,G,S) (P Smith) Pat Mitchell 4-9-7	P Bowe (7)	96
5	(7)	222542	RED COTTON 14 (CD,G) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-9-6	Paul Eddery	90
6	(3)	150130	LEAVE IT TO LIB 79 (D,F) (Mrs C Calver) P Calver 6-9-5	J Tate (5)	92
7	(1)	020100	BRAVEBOY 23 (S) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 5-9-4	B Doyle (3)	98
8	(16)	331000	ATHERTON GREEN 13J (F) (Atherton and Green) J Glover 3-9-3	L Dettori	98
9	(5)	005001	RURAL LAD 14 (CD,F,G,S) (J Purcell) R Spicer 4-9-2	A Munro	93
10	(14)	345210	ASHOVER 14 (G) (T Cox) T Barron 3-9-1	J Fanning	88
11	(15)	200042	KARINSKA 6 (D,F,G) (G Whiting) M Chapman 3-9-1	D McCabe (5)	96
12	(4)	5-62000	ROYAL CITIZEN 20 (B,G) (J Bottomley) J Bottomley 4-9-1	G Bardwell	●
13	(2)	520503	SPRING FLYER 18 (C,G) (Codan Trust Company Ltd) A Bailey 3-9-0	S Whitworth	87
14	(13)	200064	CLAUDIA MISS 17 (C,G,S) (G Whorton) W Haigh 6-9-0	Dale Gibson	91
15	(10)	006023	LATEST FLAME 144 (E,BF,F) (Miss J Reed) D Elsworth 3-8-13	M Tebbutt	90
16	(6)	036423	ACROSS THE BAY 6 (BF,F,G,S) (T Barron) T Barron 6-8-12	V Halliday (7)	97

BETTING: 6-1 Rural Lad, 7-1 Karinska, Red Cotton, 8-1 Braveboy, Gold Blade, 10-1 Atherton Green, Leave It To Lib, 12-1 Across The Bay, Jahangir, 14-1 Ashover, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

GOLD BLADE 7l 3rd of 12 to Hillzah in handicap at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). LEAVE IT TO LIB ½l 3rd of 19 to Quantity Surveyor in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good) on penultimate start. BRAVEBOY best recent effort when beating Our Rita ¾l in 23-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft) with RURAL LAD (same terms) 2l 5th. RURAL LAD beat RED COTTON (4lb better off) 2½l in 16-runner handicap over course and distance with ASHOVER 22l 14th. ASHOVER beat Arctic Guest head in 10-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. KARINSKA 3l 2nd of 16 to Ashgore in handicap here (AW, 7f). SPRING FLYER 3l 3rd of 15 to Guesstimation in handicap at Edinburgh (1m, good). ACROSS THE BAY 4½l 3rd of 16 to Scottish Park in claimer over course and distance.
Selection: KARINSKA

3.05 MANHATTAN HANDICAP (£5,089: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

1	(10)	510300	HORIZON 149 (B,CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-10-0	D Biggs	90
2	(3)	135-400	DESERT ZONE 193 (S) (Mrs A Harris) J Harris 4-9-13	Darren Moffatt (5)	90
3	(7)	253000	MAD MILITANT 16 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 4-9-8	S Perks	91
4	(4)	210300	WALI 30 (S) (Dao Hara Racing) B McMath 3-9-6	C Hawksley (7)	96
5	(14)	213036	VISHNU 34 (D,F) (N White) J Eyre 3-9-6	A Clark	●
6	(2)	042203	CHATHAM ISLAND 30 (F,G) (B Voak) C Brittain 5-9-5	B Doyle (3)	96
7	(15)	332400	BRACKENTHWAITE 65 (C,G) (A Gonia) T Barron 3-9-3	V Halliday (7)	90
8	(13)	0221-0	MANAARAH 58 (F) (P Smith) Pat Mitchell 3-9-2	P Bowe (7)	82
9	(6)	005003	ROSE ELEGANCE 12 (F,G) (E Badger) O O'Neill 4-8-12	Paul Eddery	98
10	(5)	433321	RECORD LOVER 43 (C,G) (A Mann) M Chapman 3-8-11	L Dettori	97
11	(16)	114500	ALLESCA 30 (D,S) (Mrs M Pearson) M Usher 3-8-8	R Price	92
12	(8)	236400	AWESTRUCK 14 (C,F,G,S) (D Portman) B Preece 3-8-7	S Sanders (7)	97
13	(11)	202512	LOOKINGFORARAINBOW 16 (C,D,F,G) Bob Jones 5-8-7	NON-RUNNER	–
14	(12)	152013	CLIBURNEL NEWS 14 (CD,F,G) (P Leonard) W Muir 3-8-2	A Munro	94
15	(9)	4-03000	EUROTWIST 20 (D,G,S) (W Sivers) T Barron 4-7-13	J Fanning	91
16	(1)	122122	ARCTIC GUEST 68 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-7-11	T Williams	91

BETTING: 4-1 Arctic Guest, 5-1 Record Lover, 6-1 Chatham Island, 8-1 Horizon, Brackenthwaite, 10-1 Allesca, 12-1 Mad Militant, Cliburnel News, 14-1 Eurotwist, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

HORIZON last run on all-weather when beating Karamoja 2½l in 8-runner handicap here (AW, 1m 6f). VISHNU 6l last of 3 to My Patriarch in handicap at Newcastle (2m, good) on penultimate start. CHATHAM ISLAND 4½l 3rd of 11 to In The Money in handicap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good). MANAARAH beat Phrose 2l in 11-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. ROSE ELEGANCE 4l 3rd of 14 to Gilderdale in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f). RECORD LOVER beat With Gusto 3½l in 10-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 2m). CLIBURNEL NEWS 3½l 3rd of 17 to Malenoir in handicap here (AW, 1m 6f). ARCTIC GUEST 4l 2nd of 11 to Must Be Magical in conditions race here (AW, 1m 6f).
Selection: ROSE ELEGANCE

3.35 TEQUILA SUNRISE APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,758: 5f) (17 runners)

1	(16)	332030	SADDLEHOME 18 (F) (K Shaw) T Barron 4-10-0	Kimberley Hart (7)	98
2	(6)	134062	COMET WHIRLPOOL 9 (B,CD,G) (P Smith) Pat Mitchell 3-10-0	P Bowe	●
3	(13)	660000	STRIP CARTOON 18 (B,CD,G,S) (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 5-9-12	G Strange (3)	88
4	(10)	000132	MISS ARAGON 14 (F,G) (T Charlesworth) Miss L Siddall 5-9-11	S Eiffert (3)	95
5	(4)	300000	SO SUPERB 14 (B,D,S) (N Fertell) M Dods 4-9-8	S Copp	98
6	(14)	310600	TRIOMING 104 (D,F) (A Jones) A Jones 7-9-8	A Lakeman (5)	95
7	(9)	2-30004	BANBURY FLYER 18 (D,F,G) (Mrs A King) Mrs A King 5-9-8	D O'Neill (5)	89
8	(8)	140300	KABCAST 67 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Marshall) D Chapman 8-9-7	C Teague (3)	92
9	(11)	054550	TEE-EMM 9 (G) (R Carey) P Howling 3-9-6	L Carter	85
10	(2)	531400	OUR MICA 28 (B,D,G,S) (L Barratt) L Barratt 3-9-5	Ruth Coulter (5)	92
11	(17)	15-1004	GOODY FOUR SHOES 125 (D,F,S) (A Newcombe) C Hill 5-9-4	P Johnson (3)	90
12	(7)	310600	ARC LAMP 14 (CD,F,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 7-9-4	T Ashley (5)	98
13	(15)	314560	KIMBOLTON KORKER 63 (D,G) (Classic Racing) J Balding 3-9-4	J Edmunds (5)	91
14	(12)	506223	AVRIL ETOILE 12 (S Holt) L Holt 3-9-4	Iona Wands (5)	95
15	(5)	3-00000	JOCKS JOKER 21 (Mrs G Rees) J H Wilson 3-9-3	L Aspell (5)	88
16	(1)	063-113	SPENDER 240 (BF,G) (The Entrepreneurs) P Harris 4-9-2	J O'Dwyer (3)	93
17	(3)	063000	GEMINI FIRE 47 (D,F,G,S) (P McMahon) M Naughton 9-9-0	P Roberts	85

BETTING: 6-1 Spender, 7-1 Saddlehome, 6-1 Miss Aragon, Comet Whirlpool, 10-1 Goody Four Shoes, Avril Etoile, 12-1 Banbury Flyer, Kimbolton Korker, 14-1 Strip Cartoon, 16-1 Trioming, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SADDLEHOME 2¼l 3rd of 17 to Love Legend in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. COMET WHIRLPOOL neck 2nd of 10 to Serious Hurry in handicap at Lingfield (5f, slow). MISS ARAGON 1¾l 2nd of 16 to Debsy Do in handicap here (AW, 6f) with SO SUPERB 8½l 11th and ARC LAMP 6l 15th.
BANBURY FLYER 5¾l 4th of 9 to Samsonesque in handicap at Lingfield (AW, 5f). GOODY FOUR SHOES 1¾l 4th of 6 to Bacchworth Bound in handicap at Folkestone (5f, good to firm) with TRIOMING 1¾l last. AVRIL ETOILE 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Mustn't Grumble in maiden at Lingfield (AW, 6f). SPENDER ¾l 3rd of 13 to Martinosky in handicap at Warwick (6f, firm).
Selection: SPENDER

JUMP LEADERS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
Mrs M Reveley	46	34	23	1	+16.47
K Bailey	33	23	17	1	+5.92
J White	32	18	13	1	-11.37
P Hobbs	25	12	17	3	+119.55
M Pipe	24	31	16	4	-11.43
O Sherwood	21	14	11	3	+21.99
J Johnson	19	6	6	2	+86.33
N Twiston-Davies	19	15	15	1	-33.23
D Nicholson	15	14	9	2	-1.72
G Richards	15	16	10	4	-16.38

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
A Maguire	76	49	31	3	+74.27
P Niven	45	30	23	3	+7.61
R Dunwoody	45	57	40	10	-70.46
N Williamson	38	37	20	0	-14.83
J Osborne	36	27	22	5	+1.96
G McCourt	23	19	19	3	-24.18
M A Fitzgerald	23	18	20	2	-10.67
G Bradley	21	9	9	6	+12.87
A Dobbin	16	8	7	1	+15.49
L Wyer	16	11	11	0	+18.76

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Southwell: 12.05 Clarion Call 12.35 Silver Slipper 2.35 Latest Flame.

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
12.55 Googly. 1.25 Squeeze Play. 1.55 So Discreet. 2.25 Sacrosanct. 2.55 SHASTON (nap). 3.25 Esprit De Femme.

GOING: GOOD (7.30AM INSPECTION) SIS

12.55 BREDE NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 1f 110yd) (11 runners)

1		ARFEY 146F T Thomson Jones 4-10-12	S Smith Eccles	-
2		BALLYHAYS 32F R Akehurst 4-10-12	J Osborne	-
3	00	COUNT BARACHOIS 21 D Morris 5-10-12	R Mann	-
4	/2P-	KOBYRUN 307 D Grissell 7-10-12	J Railton	70
5	343/	MEADOW COTTAGE 618 J Gifford 7-10-12	D Murphy	-
6	25-2	MILZIG 51 (B,BF) R O'Sullivan 4-10-12	D O'Sullivan	97
7	35-	SHAARID 280 (BF) I Balding 5-10-12	B Powell	●
8	.	WEE WINDY J Gifford 4-10-12	E Murphy	-
9	PP-	COLONIAL BEAUTY 353 J Poulton 4-10-7	Mr J O'Brien	-
10		GOOGLY 32F J White 4-10-7	W McFarland	-
11	5	SCOTTISH BALL 13 F Gray 4-10-7	M Crosse	-

2-1 Googly, 5-2 Shaarid, 7-1 Milzig, 8-1 Ballyhays, 10-1 Meadow Cottage, 14-1 Arfey, Kobyrun, Wee Windy, 16-1 others.

1.25 BRICKHURST HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,709: 2m 5f) (8)

1	2/11	HOLTERMANN 11 (C,F,G,S) Mrs L Richards 9-11-10	M Richards	88
2	31-2	CITY KID 11 (CD,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-8	P Hide (3)	●
3	-428	SCOTONI 34 (C,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 7-11-5	D O'Sullivan	90
4	-823	LOVE ANEW 21 (D,F,G) M Dixon 8-10-11	D Murphy	97
5	63P-	MACHO MAN 294 (F,G,S) T Etherington 8-10-7	R Dunwoody	88
6	2243	KISU KALI 7 (F,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 6-10-6	A Maguire	97
7	1/41/	UNIQUE NEW YORK 823 (V,B,S) S Woodman 10-10-0	J Osborne	-
8	2-22	SQUEEZE PLAY 10 (B) D Grissell 8-10-0	J Railton	94

A Maguire rides Kisu Kali only if Catterick is abandoned

9-4 City Kid, 5-2 Holtermann, 11-2 Squeeze Play, 8-1 Kisu Kali, Scotoni, 10-1 Love Anew, 16-1 Unique New York, 20-1 Macho Man.

1.55 BRIDGE HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,826: 2m 6f 110yd) (18)

1	/0-3	GOLDEN MOSS 6 (CD,G,S) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11-10	M Richards	87
2	3-FF	GABRIELLA MIA 37 (S) A Jarvis 8-11-3	T Jarvis	87
3	U304	BEN ZABEEDY 13 (F,S) R Akehurst 8-11-2	D Bridgwater	90
4	221-	CAPPUCCINO GIRL 266 (G) F Gray 6-11-0	M Crosse	85
5	12-2	SO DISCREET 6 (F,S) J White 5-10-13	P McLoughlin (7)	89
6	4-35	CARFAX 6 (CD,G,S) R Hoad 8-10-13	M Hoad	●
7	-4PP	KNIGHTON COOMBE 51 (B,S) S Bowen 7-10-12	I Shoemark	87
8	P15-	BRIGHTLING BOY 203 (D,F,G) D Grissell 8-10-11	D Fortt (7)	86
9	20-0	AL SAHIL 19 (D,G,S) J White 8-10-9	K Comerford (7)	89
10	60-0	COME HOME ALONE 10 (B,S) N Gaselee 5-10-7	C Llewellyn	86
11	F6-1	CAVO GRECO 21 (F,G) J Joseph 4-10-7	D Skyrme	84
12	02FF	SILENT CHANT 13 (B,F) A Blackmore 9-10-5	Mr R Griffiths (7)	87
13	-460	GREENWINE 11 (F,G) Mrs L Richards 7-10-1	J McCarthy (5)	89
14	-560	ALICE'S MIRROR 34 (V,G) T McGovern 4-10-1	W McFarland	92
15	-60R	CARRIGLAWN 10 J Gifford 6-10-0	E Murphy	-
16	2P/4	EMALLEN 20 Mrs L Jewell 5-10-0	N Williamson	-
17	P0/4/	ESPINGO 966 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0	R Davis (3)	-
18	0P-6	SOLENT LAD 21 (F,G,S) B Stevens 10-10-0	M Stevens (7)	67

7-2 So Discreet, 5-1 Golden Moss, 11-2 Cavo Greco, 7-1 Al Sahil, 8-1 Come Home Alone, 10-1 Ben Zabeedy, Carfax, 12-1 Brightling Boy, 14-1 others.

2.25 DAILY MAIL NOVICES CHASE (£4,305: 2m 5f) (9)

1	4-P2	CAPSIZE 13 (B) A Moore 7-11-0	B Powell	●
2	/46-	DOVEHILL 257 R Townsend 7-11-0	Mr P Bull	-
3	6P-P	GENERAL BRANDY 16 J Gifford 7-11-0	P Hide	-
4	U4F-	HOWARYADOON 247 (F,S) R Rowe 7-11-0	H Davies	86
5	2-FP	READY OR NOT 16 (B) A Turnell 7-11-0	D Fortt	95
6	221-	SACROSANCT 173 (F,S) K Bailey 9-11-0	N Williamson	88
7	/PP-	SALVAGER 390 J Poulton 9-11-0	R Rowell	-
8	/2-P	WELSH COMMANDER 11 (D,F,G) T Etherington 10-11-0	C Llewellyn	97
9	425-	WHAT A NOBLE 282 T Etherington 7-11-0	R Dunwoody	-

2-1 Sacrosanct, 4-1 General Brandy, 6-1 Howaryadoon, What A Noble, 8-1 Capsize, 10-1 Ready Or Not, 16-1 Welsh Commander, 20-1 Dovehill, 25-1 Salvager.

2.55 BOUVERIE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,733: 3m 2f) (6)

1	P0-P	SHEEPHAVEN 11 (B) T Etherington 9-11-10	P Hide (3)	86
2	U20-	NOUGAT RUSSE 185 (F,G) N Twiston-Davies 12-11-8	D Bridgwater	91
3	3P-3	SHASTON 7 (B,D,F,G,S) W G M Turner 8-11-5	R Dunwoody	●
4	24-3	COOL AND EASY 10 (S) J Gifford 7-11-1	D Murphy	98
5	F-25	RED AMBER 27 (B,D,F,S) S Sherwood 7-10-9	J Osborne	93
6	P-PU	BE SURPRISED 13 (C,G) A Moore 7-10-5	J Clarke (7)	-

6-4 Cool And Easy, 7-4 Nougat Russe, 5-1 Shaston, 10-1 Sheephaven, 12-1 Red Amber, 16-1 Be Surprised.

3.25 BRENCHLEY NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,475: 2m 6f 110yd) (8)

1	4P-5	BUCKSHOT 16 J Gifford 5-10-12	D Murphy	70
2	P5-0	FALSIDE 12 G Humphrey 9-10-12	M Trott (7)	-
3	05-	GREEN'S GAME 280 N Mitchell 5-10-12	G Upton	-
4	P06-	LAFHEEN 222 Miss R Patman 5-10-12	W Humphreys	-
5	P-	PETER MARTIN TWO 282 R O'Sullivan 4-10-12	D O'Sullivan	-
6	0-06	ROSEN THE BEAU 11 N Gaselee 5-10-12	C Llewellyn	76
7	6-32	THE WHIP 7 D Grissell 6-10-12	D Fortt (7)	92
8	/22-	ESPRIT DE FEMME 377 D Browning 7-10-7	J Akehurst	●

2-1 The Whip, 9-4 Buckshot, 11-4 Esprit De Femme, 10-1 Rosen The Beau, 16-1 Lafheen, 20-1 Falside, Green's Game, Peter Martin Two

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Rowe, 6 winners from 20 runners, 30.0%, D Grissell, 10 from 35, 28.6%; R Akehurst, 7 from 26, 26.9%; T Thomson Jones, 3 from 13, 23.1%, N Gaselee, 3 from 17, 17.6%, J Gifford, 12 from 69, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 8 winners from 38 rides, 21.1%; J Railton, 4 from 20, 20.0%, H Davies, 8 from 48, 16.7%, B Powell, 5 from 30, 16.7%, C Llewellyn, 4 from 28, 14.3%; D Murphy, 6 from 45, 13.3%

Dettori fined by Italian stewards

FRANKIE Dettori had a day to forget at the Capannelle, Rome, yesterday. He chose to ride King's Signet rather than the winner, Lavinia Fontana, in the £29,465 group two Premio Umbria, and was then fined two million lire (£900) after his mount was disqualified from third for hampering the favourite, Arranvanna, over a furlong from the finish.

Lavinia Fontana, ridden by Alan Munro, gained the biggest success of her career with a two-length victory over Branston Abby, who was partnered by Jason Weaver. King's Signet was placed sixth.

☐ Revere, trained by Paul Cole, finished fourth behind Sir Mark Sykes in the listed Grand Prix de Marseille over 10 furlongs at Marseille on Saturday.

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Aintree

Going: good

12.30 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Absalom (P Williams, 16-1); 2, Thats The Life (8-1). Only two finished. Howe Street 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l. Mrs S Bradburne. Tote: £23.80; £3.70, £2.60. DF: £63.20. CSF: £90.20.

1.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Persuasive (Mr M Buckley, 11-1); 2, Nikitas (7-1); 3, Welshman (8-1). Toogood To Be True 11-4 fav. 8 ran. 5l, hd. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £19.00; £2.60, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £35.40. Trio: £54.80. CSF: £73.01. Tricast: £565.33.

1.35 (3m 3f 30yd ch) 1, Indian Tonic (C Maude, 4-1); 2, Southern Minstrel (12-1); 3, Mister Ed (15-2). Ushers Island 5-2 fav. 11 ran. 6l, 3½l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.70; £2.30, £2.50, £2.80. DF: £29.00. Trio: £92.10. CSF: £46.07. Tricast: £316.60.

2.10 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Kytton Castle (D Meredith, 7-2); 2, Brodessa (11-2); 3, Westholme (7-4 fav). 7 ran. NR: Danngly. 7l, 12l. R Dickin. Tote: £3.80; £2.30, £2.50. DF: £9.90. Trio: £5.00. CSF: £20.22. Tricast: £36.62.

2.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, Martomick (N Williamson, 8-13 fav); 2, Judged Lucky (11-2); 3, Master Jolson (9-4). 3 ran. 15l, dist. K Bailey. Tote: £1.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.42.

3.20 (2m 4f ch) 1, Coulton (L Wyer, 4-9 fav); 2, Keep Sharp (9-1); 3, Ayia Napa (33-1). 3 ran. 15l, 5l. M W Easterby. Tote: £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.65. Meleagris (100-30) deemed not to have started – rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 20p in pound.

3.50 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Sharp Performer (N Williamson, 9-4); 2, Basilicus (8-1); 3, Dan De Lyon (3-1). Strong Flame 6-4 fav. 4 ran. Sh hd, 12l. K Bailey. Tote: £3.10. DF: £10.80. CSF: £13.65.

Placepot: £326.20.

Market Rasen

12.40 1, Port In A Storm (15-8 fav); 2, Joll's Great (4-1); 3, Mill Burn (6-1). 7 ran.

1.10 1, Needwood Poppy (9-2); 2, Irish Stamp (Evens fav); 3, Czar Nicholas (15-2). 9 ran.

1.40 1, Mr Woodcock (1-5 fav); 2, Dark Oak (20-1); 3, On Cue (25-1). 5 ran.

2.10 1, Norstock (4-1); 2, Maywork (10-1); 3, Menaghi (8-1). Chichell's Hurst 11-8 fav. 6 ran.

2.45 1, Moat Garden (4-1); 2, Lexus (9-1); 3, Artic Wings (20-1). Silver Samurai 7-4 fav. 16 ran.

3.20 1, Young Miner (12-1); 2, Invasion (2-1); 3, Lapiaffe (7-1). High Padre 4-5 fav. 4 ran.

3.50 1, Sounds Fyne (7-2); 2, Roseberry Topping (5-2 fav); 3, Swordking (7-1). 15 ran.

☐ **Saturday's meetings at Ascot, Catterick Bridge and Towcester were abandoned due to frost.**

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Problem of dangerous starts solved by mechanism at Aintree

Jockey Club gallops to rescue with hi-tech gate



Simon Barnes discovers the right kind of badge to watch a new way of starting at Aintree

The crucial aspect of Saturday's premiere of *Grand National Start: The Sequel* was the new role of Ken Evans. Evans it was who co-starred with the great Keith Brown in that unforgettable show of last spring: *Cap'n Brown and the Starting Gate of Doom*.

Evans was the recall man: famous for both 15 minutes and £28. It was he who was given the entire credit for that unforgettable day at Aintree in April. He did not wave his flag and call the horses back, said the Jockey Club: never mind that *Sporting Life* newspaper had pictures of him with flag aflap. No one was about to blame Keith Brown. Brown was an *officer*, after all.

But on Saturday, Ken was not there at the first fence with his little red flag. He was, I gather, on duty elsewhere. "I'll probably be keeping people out of the weighing room who shouldn't be there," he was quoted as saying.

How very right and proper. Jockey Club people should stick to what they are good at. And while the Jockey Club may not be much good at starting horse races, when it comes to keeping people out of places (especially racecourses) they are absolutely the tops.

Alas, I couldn't find Ken yesterday. I had the wrong sort of badge. It was a nice little red one, but it didn't work. It is a fact that every single person on a racecourse has the wrong sort of badge for somewhere or other: that is what racecourse means. The chap who stopped me was quite affable, by the not-exactly-million-candlepower lights of Jockey Club employees. "But I have my instructions," he said.

So I went down to the start, to see what sort of a show the people who were only obeying orders managed to put on. "Can I see your badge, sir?" Oddly enough, my little red badge seemed to work in these far reaches of the course.

I stood beside a woman with an Instamatic camera. "I'm afraid you can't take a photograph here, madam. Only official photographers are permitted to take photographs." Thank the Lord, he managed to stop her. One click from that Instamatic, and the stars would have stopped in their courses, the planets would have gone into reverse, the sun would have exploded, and the Jockey Club might have been catapulted catastrophically forward in time — maybe as far as the early 1930s.

The start was truly awesome. Everything had been changed from the start last April, when a jockey was nearly hanged by what Jenny Pitman unforgettably described as 60 yards of knicker-elastic. On Saturday, there were eight coppers and ten security men looking after maybe a dozen photographers and a couple of curious racegoers.

Up to the start came Simon Morant: great christian name, shame about the hat. Morant is the new senior Jockey Club starter, successor to the great Cap'n B. He chose not a Cap'n Brown Bowler: a mere trilby, but alas, a faintly clownish one, a hat that seemed just a fraction too small. Morant used to be a racehorse trainer: he trained in the premises currently occupied by the many-splendoured Mrs Pitman.

I don't know quite why he no longer trains: let us assume he was fabulously successful, retired in glory, but from the goodness of his heart, returned to racing, donating his time to the Jockey Club as their brand-new senior starter out of gratitude to a game that had been good to him.

I don't wish to cast any aspersions on his character whatsoever, but I am sure if the Jockey Club had really tried, they could have found a starter who looked just a little bit less like someone from central casting. Gangling and grinning hard, he was clearly aware that a nation's expectations rested upon him. The Jockey Club tradition of self-parody remains unbroken.

And so on we went with the exercise of shutting the stable door after the horse had bolted: well, about three dozen of them bolted back in April, not forgetting the jockey who narrowly escaped death by the demon knicker elastic.

There were seven horses this time, and that made things a bit easier. I assume that some of these Jockey Club types must have, in their time, sat on half a ton of fizzing thoroughbred. If so, they must have forgotten what it is like: absolutely fabulous, if a touch unpredictable. A line of 40 horses, agog with eagerness, stoned out of their minds on herd instinct and fired up by jockeys all-too-well-aware of what lies ahead — this is not exactly like a line of foot-soldiers. Or tanks.

But on Saturday, it was all lovely. Up went the new gate, with its triple-thickness of new, hi-tech, wondrously-improved knicker-elastic, as they did yet another last-minute test. The seven beasts lined up: "Jockeys!" called Morant magnificently. Then the knicker-elastic went ping once again, and the apologetic little parade of horses lobbed off into the country. A triumph.

It all went absolutely perfectly, absolutely without a flaw. This was a relief, because hundreds of man-hours have been spent on getting this right. There was, of course, another starting-gate disaster just two weeks ago, when a jockey at Chepstow narrowly avoided being hanged. But this time, the jockeys faced only the routine perils of riding over fences. A horse race started: the start was fair and nobody was even close to being hanged.

It is amazing what you can do when you put your mind to it.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Morant, the starter, gets the field away without incident in the John Parrett Memorial Chase

Els equals record in first away victory

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MIYAZAKI

GARY Player, undoubtedly one of golf's all-time greats, is also one of the world's great exaggerators, but he was not overdoing it when he said of Ernie Els: "He has a power and perfection you seldom find in a kid."

Yesterday, in winning the Dunlop Phoenix tournament at Miyazaki in southern Japan, Els, 24, showed that Player might not be wrong, that he might indeed be a force in the game. His final round of 69, three under par, gave him a tournament record of 271, 17 under par, and on the twentieth anniversary of this, Japan's most international event, it was appropriate that he joined Johnny Miller as the only player to break 70 in all four rounds.

It was his first professional victory outside his homeland and he had 19 birdies, one eagle — which was crucial — and only four bogeys all week.

Els won 36 million yen, which converts to approximately £230,000 and goodness knows how many rand — certainly too many to spend quickly, according to the big, blond youngster, who at 6ft 3in and 15 stone has natural physical advantages Player never had.

Whether Els has the mental resolve is another matter, but he coped calmly enough on his first visit to Japan, playing what he reckoned was the best golf of his life, and he concealed his last-day nerves well.

"I hoped we might not play when I saw how heavily it was raining this morning," he admitted, engagingly, "but I settled myself by having a big breakfast and having a few slow swings on the practice tee."

He then broke the opposition, which included Jumbo Ozaki, Japan's flamboyant superstar, who was only a shot behind after three rounds and was urged on, albeit politely, by the large crowds. The big blow, literally, was a three-wood of more than 235 yards at the seventh, a par five measuring 515 yards.

"I really had to step on it," Els said, "and it was a bit of a risk but it was the shot of the week." It ended ten feet from the pin and, watched from the sidelines by David Leadbetter, who has helped the young man to improve his putting over the last couple of weeks, he rolled the putt home for an eagle three. It gave him a four-shot lead and Ozaki had to settle for second best, alongside Barry Lane, Tommy Nakajima, Fred Couples and Vijay Singh.

Lane, in fact, missed from four feet for a birdie at the last but he had no complaints about his two weeks in Japan, since he was 27 under par in the two events he played and about £124,000 richer.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 271: E Els (SA), 66, 69, 65, 69. 275: V Singh (Fiji), 72, 67, 70, 66, T Nakajima (Japan), 66, 71, 71, 67; B Lane (GB), 67, 68, 72, 68; F Couples (US), 67, 69, 71, 68; M Ozaki (Japan), 66, 72, 65, 72. 277: D Frost (SA), 66, 72, 68, 71. 278: P Mickelson (US), 68, 69, 67, 74. Others: 280: W Andrade (US), 67, 74, 66, 71, S Simpson (US), 66, 70, 71, 73; T Lehman (US), 71, 69, 67, 73. 281: C Stadler (US), 67, 70, 73, 71, L Mize (US), 71, 68, 70, 74; T Watson (US), 65, 69, 72, 75; I Aoki (Japan), 70, 67, 71, 73. 282: C Rocca (It), 71, 73, 71, 67. 284: T C Chen (Taiwan), 71, 76, 71, 66. 285: D Ishii (US), 69, 70, 75, 71; R Wadkins (US), 72, 71, 71, 71; A Lyle (GB), 73, 72, 67, 73. 294: S Ballesteros (Sp), 71, 74, 72, 77.

Krabbe's latest ban may become civil case

BY JOHN GOODBODY

KATRIN Krabbe, the former world 100 and 200 metres champion, yesterday threatened to challenge her two-year ban from international athletics in the German civil courts and warned she would be continuing her sprinting career in domestic meetings.

Krabbe's determination to run again could put the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on a similar collision course with civil law that occurred when Harry "Butch" Reynolds, the United States sprinter, was awarded $27 million dollars (about £18 million) against the IAAF by a federal court in Ohio for loss of earnings.

"We will fight on. There is no doubt about it," Krabbe said. Today, on her 24th birthday, her advisers will meet the president of the German Athletics Federation (DLV) to consider what action to take, after the IAAF arbitration panel confirmed in Monaco on Saturday her suspension for bringing the sport into disrepute.

Krabbe and her compatriots, Grit Breuer, the 1990 European 400 metres champion, and Manuela Derr, the 1989 European junior 200 metres champion, will be banned from running until after the world championships have taken place in Gothenburg in August 1995.

They acknowledge they took clenbuterol, a drug that is licensed in Germany for asthma, a condition from which they say they were suffering.

However, it is also an anabolic agent in animals and may help competitors to recover more quickly from intensive exercise. It is debatable whether at the time the trio gave their urine samples, in July 1992, the drug was a substance banned in out-of-competition testing.

Thorsten Heuser, Krabbe's adviser, said: "We will first check what the DLV has to say. If it says the athletes have no right to race, then we will go to the civil court."

The three were banned for only six months for "unsportsmanlike behaviour" by the DLV, which has always been concerned that they would contest a longer ban in the courts under restraint-of-trade laws. However, when the six months expired in August, the IAAF immediately imposed a further two-year suspension.

Krabbe said yesterday that when she heard the decision of the arbitration tribunal on Saturday, she was "stunned, shaken up inside and trembling. And I do not feel much better today".

She remains defiant. "We are going to run the indoor season," she said.

However, the IAAF is sure to act against any transgression of its ruling if a member nation does not support its action. This is the second time that the arbitration tribunal has considered a drugs case involving Krabbe.

In June 1992, it upheld her appeal on a technicality after she, Breuer and another athlete, Silke Möller, were found to have supplied an identical urine sample in an out-of-competition test in South Africa.

Hand leads chart again

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

LAST season, Tony Hand became the first British ice hockey player to head the individual scoring table in the premier division. His involvement in nine of Murrayfield Racers' 12 goals against Billingham Bombers on Saturday saw him leapfrog over Scott Morrison and Kevin Conway to lead the table again.

Chris Palmer also had nine points and Richard Laplante eight as the Racers gained a 12-6 win and moved into third place behind Fife Flyers and Whitley Warriors. The Flyers beat Sheffield Steelers 9-4 for their fourth successive win while the Warriors had a dramatic 7-6 win over Basingstoke Beavers. With five minutes to go, the Beavers led 6-4 and the Warriors called a time-out. Whatever tactics were discussed proved successful as they scored three times in 108 seconds.

Nottingham Panthers owed a great deal to their goaltender, David Graham, who saved 34 of Durham Wasps' 36 shots to help his side gain a 4-2 win.

Slough Jets, who lead the southern conference of the first division, had a successful sortie into Scotland and, with Scott Rex and Gary Stefan each scoring four goals, beat Paisley Pirates 14-7.

It was not such a successful trip for the northern conference leaders, Telford Tigers, who were beaten 9-2 by Milton Keynes Kings, who have won eight successive games and are emerging as the main challengers to the Tigers.

There is good news at last for Peterborough Pirates, who were evicted from their rink six weeks ago. They have reached an agreement with the liquidators and hope to receive the keys to the building tomorrow. Much work remains, particularly in connection with the ice plant, which was severely damaged.

David Thorpe, the chairman of Pirates 93 Limited, said: "There are hundreds of clips to be fitted to lock in the 17 miles of piping needed to repair the ice mat and it is going to be close, but we hope to have things ready to reopen on December 12 against Nottingham Panthers. With a combined effort from the ice hockey players and all all the other skaters, we believe we can do it."

RESULTS: British League: Premier division: Fife 9, Sheffield 4; Humberside 10, Bracknell 3; Nottingham 4, Durham 2; Billingham 8, Murrayfield 12, Whitley 7, Basingstoke 6. First division: Dumfries 5, Trafford 6; Medway 18, Oxford 3; Milton Keynes 9, Telford 2; Paisley 7, Slough 14; Solihull 4, Blackburn 3; Swindon 10, Chelmsford 6.

Conditions slow progress

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

LIGHT winds, thick fog and the first sightings of icebergs hindered progress throughout the Whitbread Round the World Race fleet over the weekend. The yachts made slow progress towards Fremantle, Australia.

Lawrie Smith's Intrum Justitia continued to lead the Whitbread 60 class, but lost ground to Grant Dalton's Maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, which has opened up a 110-mile lead. "Having our large assymetric spinnakers banned on this leg is proving a significant handicap for the 60-footers," Smith said.

Also, he told race organisers in Freemantle that Intrum had been badly hit by condensation. "We're soaking wet," he said. "We haven't been able to keep the hatches open so its like a rainforest down here, but we've done well out of this because we're ahead. The floors and ceilings are wet; everything except the bunks."

Crews expect a return of the strong westerly winds synonymous with the Roaring Forties later today and those at the back of the fleet were already picking up speed yesterday.

For some, like Jeni Mundy, the British yachtswoman who joined the Women's Challenge at Uruguay, the clement conditions have been a blessing in disguise. "It has certainly helped to settle us all in and the crew is working more and more as a team as we begin to familiarise ourselves with the boat," she said. "The atmosphere is a very positive one now. I do find it hard to believe we are in the Southern Ocean. Sunshine, slight seas and low winds bear no resemblance to my memories from the last race. We are beginning to wonder if the Southern Ocean is where we left it.

Less patient yesterday was Mike Quilter, the navigator aboard New Zealand Endeavour who has been forced to sail further and further south. "At present, we are 51 degrees south and descending," he said. "We are waiting for the breeze to swing so we can gybe back. If it doesn't swing soon, we will have to dust off the dog sleds."

POSITIONS (at 14 00GMT yesterday with miles to Freemantle, Australia): Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 5,442; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 5,527; 3, La Poste (D Melle, Fr), 5,801; 4, Uruguey Natural (G Vazini, Uru), 5,925. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur), 5,552; 2, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 5,566; 3, Tokyo (C Dickson, NZ), 5,567; 4, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 5,611; 5 Yamaha (R Field, NZ), 5,628; 6, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 5,707; 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 5,773, 8, Women's Challenge (D Riley, US), 5,851, 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Piston, Ukr), 5,884, 10, Odessa (A Verbe, Ukr).

Solo sailor departs, page 2

Warrington slip into top gear

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

WARRINGTON moved two points clear at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship after a thrilling victory over their rivals, Castleford. The decisive moment came nine minutes from time with Warrington maintaining a four-point lead when a towering kick by Jonathan Davies was dropped by the Castleford full back, Graham Steadman, over his own line.

Paul Cullen, following up at speed, pounced for the crucial try, with Davies converting to make the score 20-10. Warrington had led 11-10 at half-time after holding an 11-2 advantage after 31 minutes. Davies landed a second-minute penalty and then the Castleford scrum half, Mike Ford, saw his loose pass scooped up by Davies and he sent the winger, Robert Myler, on a thrilling 85-yard dash to the line. Davies missed the conversion but soon landed a dropped goal.

Lee Crooks pulled two points back for the visitors before Myler struck again when he chipped over the Castleford defence and regathered to claim his second try. A Ford try and two Crooks goals in the last four minutes of the half brought Castleford back into the game. A second half penalty and dropped goal from Davies gave Warrington a 14-10 lead before Cullen struck for the winning try.

New Zealand coasted to a comfortable 36-11 victory in their international against France in Carcassonne yesterday. But afterwards the coach, Howie Tamati, admitted that his side had been flattered by the scoreline. Tamati said: "Perhaps the score did not reflect the game because they played with plenty of spirit." Pierre Chamorin put France ahead with a penalty and a dropped goal before the Kiwis came back with tries from the centre, Whetu Taewa, and Gary Freeman.

The French winger, Sirvent, responded with a solo effort but Kevin Iro, flown in late from England as cover after a string of New Zealand injuries, crossed the French line to make it 18-7 at the break. The tourists added three more tries in the second half, with the French replying through Llong in the 79th minute.

Leeds end sorry sequence

Leeds	27
Leigh	18

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THESE are impoverished times at Headingley. The smallest mercies are gratefully received by Leeds nowadays, including a defeat of the bottom club in the Stones Bitter rugby league championship, although even that was not secured yesterday until two tries came in a frenetic last seven minutes.

With Leigh ahead 18-15, the vultures in the snowy skies overhead were poised to swoop. Doug Laughton, the Leeds manager, was going a paler shade of grey, when Alan Tait sped over from 40 yards.

Not for the first time, Hanger, the Leigh full back, fumbled a steepling kick, hoisted by Graham Holroyd to the posts and Cummins, on his first full appearance, emerged from the mêlée with a touchdown that cast a rosier hue on another generally dire performance by Leeds.

The result ended a sequence of seven games without a win, which is the club's worst for nearly a decade, but away fixtures at Widnes and Bradford Northern in the next six days should not create any undue optimism. Names of a successor to Laughton continue to be bandied about, yet with the rest of the season to run before his three-year contract expires, the financial situation at Leeds is not so healthy to warrant the immediate release of Laughton at an estimated cost of £50,000.

Tries in the opening eight minutes by Holroyd and Irving should have been immediately followed up. The price was paid when Holroyd missed a straightforward tackle and Hanger benefited by scoring the first of Leigh's three tries.

Ellery Hanley is not yet over his shoulder injury. However, his first appearance for six weeks, when Leeds had last registered league points in a draw with Hull, briefly galvanised the side, and Hanley's strength in the tackle was responsible for the first of Tait's tries.



Laughton: harassed

In spite of themselves, Leeds allowed Leigh back into the game. The momentum of a second touchdown by Hanger was carried over into the second half.

Simple chances eluded Eyres and Scales, and as Leeds put possession to ground, Leigh's pack asserted their authority. Daniel and Martin stretched the home side's cover to send Baldwin in on the right flank.

Leeds remained under the cosh for a further 20 minutes, until Gary Mercer, the one direct runner and support player in the forwards, slipped out a telling pass to the unstoppable Tait. At the finish, news about the match's availability on video was greeted with ironic, if relieved, cheers.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Tait (2), Holroyd, Irving, Cummins. Goals: Holroyd (3). Dropped goal: Holroyd. Leigh: Tries: Hanger (2), Baldwin. Goals: Clarke (2).
LEEDS: A Tait; F Cummins, S Irving, C Innes (sub: J Fallon 31min), J Scales; G Holroyd, J Lowes; G Ross (sub: M O'Neill, 50), C Maskill, I Scott, J Fallon (sub: E Hanley, 23), R Eyres, G Mercer.
LEIGH: D Hanger, S Cawley, S Booth, T Clarke, G Pratt; J Gunning, S Pugsley (sub: P Daniel, 26), J Costello, P Rowley, A Coller, J Pendlebury (sub: G Davies, 31), S Baldwin, S Mestin.
Referee: D Campbell

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THUNDERER

12.45 Reluctant Suitor. 1.15 Radical Lady. 1.45 Ericolin. 2.15 Rodeo Star. 2.45 Mill De Lease. 3.15 Boston Rover. 3.45 Kenilworth.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT) SIS

12.45 SPENDING FRENZY CATTERICK SUNDAY MARKET NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£1,241: 2m) (7 runners)

1 3-41 LINNGATE 10 (D,G,S) L Lungo 4-11-2 ..... T Reed
2 U-34 CALL ME EARLY 17 (D,G) O Brennan 8-11-0 ..... M Brennan
3 545- MAJOR BELL 262 A Whillans 5-11-0 ..... M Moloney
4 PLUM DUFF F Watson 8-11-0 ..... K Jones
5 -221 RELUCTANT SUITOR 16 (D,F,S) M Hammond 4-11-0 ..... C Grant
6 6P0- LITTLE BROMLEY 282 A Eubank 6-10-9 ..... Mr R Hale (7)
7 5-30 STAGGERING 24 M Naughton 4-10-9 ..... A Dobbin

8-13 Reluctant Suitor, 3-1 Lungate, 6-1 Call Me Early, Major Bell, 14-1 others.

1.15 S R HILL CATERING QUALITY BUTTY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,450: 3m 1f 110yd) (5)

1 /PP0 BISHOPDALE 9 (C,D,F,S,S) S Charlton 12-12-0 ..... A Dobbin
2 -4PF SOONER STILL 13 (V,CD,F,S,S) C Cowley 9-11-8 ..... Judy Davies (3)
3 1433 RADICAL LADY 13 (D,F,S,S) N Mason 9-11-3 ..... J Supple
4 2-F5 CHOICE CHALLANGE 17 (F,S,S) M Hammond 10-10-11 S Lyons
5 4343 MOUNTEBOR 9 (D,F,S,S) P Hastern 9-10-2 ..... D Bentley

6-4 Radical Lady, 11-4 Mountebor, 100-30 Choice Challange, 6-1 Sooner Still, 20-1 Bishopdale

1.45 JUICY HOG ROAST AND APPLE SAUCE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,035: 2m) (10)

1 BRIDOLIN 38F N Tinkler 11-0 ..... G McCourt
2 5 MALAWI 40 B Rothwell 11-0 ..... B Storey
3 MR ABBOT 89F Mrs M Reveley 11-0 ..... P Niven
4 650 NATIVE WORTH 13 J Jefferson 11-0 ..... P Williams (5)
5 OUTSET 405F M Hammond 11-0 ..... C Grant
6 SOPHIE'S BOY 451F M H Easterby 11-0 ..... L Wyer
7 4 SUAVEZ 9 P Haslam 11-0 ..... J Callaghan
8 3 VAGLY SUNTHYME 13 J Carr 11-0 ..... N Smith
9 0 MARBELLA 13 S Gollings 10-9 ..... A Dobbin
10 PANIC BUTTON 217 M H Easterby 10-9 ..... R Garritty

3-1 Vagly Sunthyme, 4-1 Mr Abbot, 5-1 Ericolin, 6-1 Panic Button, 13-2 Malawi, 9-1 Suavez, 12-1 Sophie's Boy, 14-1 Native Worth, Outset, 33-1 Marbella.

2.15 PREMIER MEATS PITCHING BUTCHER NOVICES CHASE (£1,371: 2m) (5)

1 21U2 EXPLOSIVE SPEED 24 (D,F,S) M Hammond 5-11-6 ..... C Grant
2 3-50 DE JORDAAN 17 W Cunningham 6-11-0 ..... A Merrigan
3 P/00 NOBBY 30 B Beasley 7-11-0 ..... A Mulholland
4 62-2 RODEO STAR 9 (D,BF,F,S,S) N Tinkler 7-11-0 ..... G McCourt
5 25/F SKELETOR 13 (S,S) T Tate 10-11-0 ..... M Dwyer

4-9 Rodeo Star, 7-2 Explosive Speed, 11-2 Skeletor, 20-1 others.

2.45 F HUTCHINSON FRUIT AND VEG OUTDOOR MARKET FRUITARADA SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,182: 2m) (10)

1 4309 STAGS FELL 13 (D,F,S) G Moore 8-11-12 ..... N Bentley (3)
2 330- EARLY BREEZE 200 (D,F,S) P Evans 7-11-8 ..... B Clifford
3 0-40 JUST FULHAM 37 (D,S) S Payne 8-11-4 ..... K Jones
4 0-80 MILL DE LEASE 41 (D,F,S) J Dooler 8-11-1 ..... A Maguire
5 P4S0 ELDER PRINCE 25 (D,F,S) Ronald Thompson 7-10-12 R Garritty
6 5FP- POINT TAKEN 212 K Morgan 5-10-8 ..... A S Smith
7 36P0 THE PATTERS MAGIC 10 M Hammond 6-10-7 ..... C Grant
8 P-P6 KING OF NORMANDY 39 (S) S Chadwick 4-10-2 Miss J Thurlow
9 0055 MONASTIC FLIGHT 17 B Rothwell 3-10-2 ..... G Cahill (7)
10 P/P6 LADY KHADIJA 14 G Kelly 7-10-0 ..... J Driscoll (7)

11-4 Stags Fell, 7-2 The Patters Magic, 5-1 Monastic Flight, 7-1 Mill De Lease, 8-1 Early Breeze, Just Fulham, 10-1 Elder Prince, 12-1 Point Taken, 20-1 others.

3.15 W L AND HECTOR CHRISTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,238: 2m) (5)

1 1-13 TRIMLOUGH 19 (CD,F,S,S) P Dalton 8-12-0 ..... W Marston
2 1115 MEGA BLUE 51 (CD,F,S,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-4 ..... P Niven
3 1-12 BOSTON ROVER 17 (CD,BF,F,S,S) O Brennan 8-11-4 M Brennan
4 4-14 PATS MINSTREL 12 (B,D,F,S,S) R Champion 8-10-13 A Maguire
5 2F-2 ROCKET LAUNCHER 13 (D,F,S) J Berry 7-10-9 ..... M Moloney

11-8 Trimlough, 3-1 Rocket Launcher, 4-1 Boston Rover, 8-1 others.

3.45 DISCOUNT CAR PARTS GO FASTER HORSE POWER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,752: 2m) (13)

1 2 DOWN THE FELL 29 J Johnson 4-11-0 ..... D J Moffatt (3)
2 0 DYNAMITE DAN 17 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 ..... W Dwan (5)
3 0 FINAL DILEMMA 17 K Morgan 4-11-0 ..... D Meredith (5)
4 HIP HOP Mrs S Bramall 4-11-0 ..... J Burke (5)
5 INGLETONIAN B Wilkinson 4-11-0 ..... D Bentley (5)
6 ISLAND RIVER J Goulding 5-11-0 ..... Mr R Hale (7)
7 2- KENILWORTH 224 Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-0 ..... F Leahy (7)
8 R KING CREOLE 18 J Berry 4-11-0 ..... S Haworth (7)
9 00 LUCKY WEDSONS 17 (V) W Storey 4-11-0 ..... S Taylor (7)
10 RIGHT TERM J Johnson 4-11-0 ..... J Lonergan (7)
11 CATCH THE PREEDM R Barr 4-10-9 ..... D Ryan (7)
12 CEREAL GEM W Haigh 5-10-9 ..... S Lyons (5)
13 0- SOLAR ROVA 244 I Park 5-10-9 ..... P Midgley (5)

5-4 Down The Fell, 5-2 Kenilworth, 6-1 Dynamite Dan, 8-1 King Creole, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 5 winners from 17 runners, 29.4%. Mrs M Reveley, 23 from 83, 27.7%, N Tinkler, 10 from 40, 25.0%, O Brennan, 4 from 18, 22.2%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 16 from 75, 21.3%; Mrs V Aconley, 5 from 26, 19.2%.

JOCKEYS: A S Smith, 4 winners from 14 rides, 28.6%, M Dwyer, 23 from 82, 28.0%, P Niven, 15 from 73, 20.5%; M Brennan, 5 from 25, 20.0%; G McCourt, 6 from 33, 18.2%; L Wyer, 11 from 84, 13.1%.

Graham's pragmatic approach pays dividend with victory in uninspiring London derby

Chelsea off colour in absence of ailing Hoddle


Hoddle: talking point



Rob Hughes, football correspondent, reflects on a lack of artistry in Arsenal's victory at Stamford Bridge

EVEN in his absence, Glenn Hoddle was the talking point of Stamford Bridge on Saturday. It took 15 minutes to begin to fantasise what might have happened on the field had Hoddle, the Chelsea manager and ageing visionary of English football, come down off his sickbed to grace a morbid game.

By then it was already clear that when Hoddle catches flu, Chelsea turn a paler shade of blue; an almost insipid and deathly hue, which led to a 2-0 defeat, their sixth in succession in the FA Carling Premiership. They play Manchester City tonight.

Arsenal, if you care for pragmatism in the game, dominated Chelsea so completely that their first victory at Stamford Bridge in 19 years was a foregone conclusion by half-time. Yet this was a game of two opposing philosophies from teams both struggling for form and conviction. Arsenal, softening Chelsea up with kicks in the ankles in the first quarter, then stretched out to win by a margin that could, had Wright been on his usual club form, have been trebled.

Five players were absent with flu, Cascarino and Kjeldbjerg joining Hoddle in the Chelsea sickbay, Jensen and Adams missing for Arsenal. Limpar was dropped for what his manager, George Graham, called tactical reasons.

Aside from making two saves in the 43rd minute, first stretching above his head to palm over an inswinging centre from Barnard and then going to the other extreme, reacting low to a deflected shot from Stein, Seaman was unoccupied.

The reshaping of Stamford Bridge, up to now bypassed by the post-Hillsborough rebuilding revolution, starts in a week. One wonders whether the spectators might also be brought into the new era, when, by and large, the customers are more civilised and less prone to the *sieg heil* salutes of some Chelsea "supporters". Those supporters, possibly realising they would not have much joy from their own players, started from the kick-off chanting "scum, cheat" whenever Dixon was on the ball. In doing so they missed the real villainy, though referee Don did not, for he issued yellow cards in the third and twelfth minutes for digs into the Achilles' tendon by Keown on Wise and by Davis on Donaghy.

All part of the "letting you know we are around" systematic thuggery that has legislated, together with impoverished coaching, against the grace and technical artistry with which Hoddle, now 36, is becoming a thing of British football past.

Why, with 22 combatants, concentrate on a player who was not even there? Because Peter Shreeves, Hoddle's assistant manager, similarly concentrated on the absentee.

"If I am being conservative," Shreeves said, "I'd have to say our best player in 90 to 95 per cent of our games has been Glenn." Shreeves then went on to say, with evident deep belief, that the continental pattern that Hoddle worked at Swindon and is attempting in a higher grade with Chelsea is not to blame for the depressing run of games in which the team has scored twice in six league outings.

Shreeves insists that Hoddle will make "a mega manager", and in doing so refuses to be drawn into speculation about his man's value to the England team's future.

Yet at Swindon, the players Hoddle invited to express his vision had already been groomed in the passing art by Ardiles. We shall not know until Hoddle finishes playing whether he is able to breath his ideas into players under his control, and given the paucity of skill in his side, the likelihood is that he will have to persevere with a higher perception of football in a team attempting to stave off relegation.

The harsh truth is that the pattern should not be called into question, more the lack of touch, technique and belief in the people he asks to carry it out. The players of Chelsea, young though they are, may soon have to do something that is anathema to English players, go back to the training ground in the afternoon and work on becoming comfortable with the ball at their feet. They have, in short, to be like continental players, to practise full-time instead of part-time, and one would think that doing so in the company of Hoddle would be a labour of love.

As it was, Arsenal were much too experienced for them. More experienced, that is, at suppressing individual expression. By playing "head tennis" at a corner until the ball came down for Smith to score the first goal, and scoring the second from the penalty spot, they proved again that the winner-takes-all concept is dragging down the entertainment value of English football.

CHELSEA (3-1-3-1-2): D Kharine — F Sinclair, D Lee, E Johnsen (sub: D Hopkin, 54min) — M Donaghy (E Newton, 74min) — S Clarke, G Peacock, D Barnard — D Wise — M Stein, N Shipperly
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Linighan, S Bould, N Winterburn (sub: S Morrow, 77) I Selley, P Davis, M Keown, P Merson — I Wright, A Smith.
Referee: P Don.

SIMON MEAKER

Cantona flair overcomes Wimbledon's resistance

Manchester United.....3
Wimbledon.....1

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

IN HIS days as a television critic, Clive James observed that there was a special pleasure in hearing one well-paid actor ask another: "Have you taken leave of your senses?" The mad house that is English football offers the cynical plenty of scope for amusement — not that cynicism is required; detachment will do.

On Saturday morning, the chief executive of the Football Association, Graham Kelly, who habitually looks as if he has just sat on a ripe tomato, told radio listeners not once, but three times, that the game's "structure" would be remodelled. Then, as if by a wave of the wand, England would once again beat the best. Pinky and Perky, he did not say, though he might have done, might then fly a celebratory lap over Wembley. Structure, schmucture. As estate agents say, the three key features of any property are location, location and location. As Kelly prepares to embark on a series of lengthy discussions with his distinguished fellow aldermen, what English football needs is not structure so much as decent players.

Manchester United must now play spectacularly badly to let slip successive championships. They are by some distance the best team in the country, and the most entertaining. They were not, however, good enough to beat the champions of Turkey and, if he is wise, Alex Ferguson will already be revising plans for next year's European Cup.

For, in a European context, United have some ticklish problems that domestic success cannot mask. If their colts are half as good as publicity has suggested they ought to be getting games on days, like Saturday, when Keane is injured and Giggs rested.

To borrow a style from *Private Eye's* dictionary of rhyming slang, three problems are easy to identify. Bryan Robson: getting on a bit, with knobs on. The Flying Ukraine: turns it on only now and again. Ince, Paul: not a good passer at all.

Victory over Wimbledon, the last team to win at Old Trafford, brought their eighth consecutive win in the league and was achieved against typically obdurate opponents. Fresh from "the worst night of my life", as he put it, Cantona banished memories of France's World Cup disappointment with another gilded expression of inside-forward play.

He was directly responsible for the goals with which Hughes and Kanchelskis won the game after Fashanu had equalised Pallister's opener with a header of his own. Moreover, every pass which owed more to imagination than habit came from the Frenchman's feet. Surely, in view of the plodding labours elsewhere, the Test and County Cricket Board should investigate this shameful piece of ball-tampering.

Imagine the joy Hughes felt when Cantona's chipped pass fell so naturally for one of his expansive airborne volleys. That was a novel experience for Scott Fitzgerald, the defender who had let Hughes out of his sight. As his namesake might have said, it's easy to be wise this side of paradise. He knows now.

Wimbledon played most capably. Scales and Joseph returned to bolster their defence and Barton's clever moments included the pass which enabled Holdsworth to provide Fashanu with his goal. But when Holdsworth and Earle were presented with first-half chances, the one shot at Schmeichel and the other was narrowly wide.

The conclusive moment, ten minutes from time, belonged to Kanchelskis who took Cantona's pass beyond McAllister, altered course in the area and shot left-footed past Segers. Then he ran off to celebrate with the largest crowd of the season. Clearly they had all taken leave of their senses.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-2-4): P Schmeichel — P Parker, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — B Robson (sub: M Phelan, 89min), P Ince — A Kanchelskis, M Hughes, E Cantona, L Sharpe
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — R Joseph, S Fitzgerald, J Scales, B McAllister — W Barton, V Jones, R Earle, S Talboys — D Holdsworth (sub: A Clarke, 82), J Fashanu
Referee: J Lloyd

Middlesbrough's dismal league form continued yesterday when they were beaten at home 1-0 by Bolton Wanderers, their eighth successive match without victory. The game was watched by a crowd of just 6,828, the club's lowest for six seasons.


SIMON MEAKER
Shearer celebrates after scoring from the penalty spot the first of his two goals which gave Blackburn victory over his former club, Southampton

Priceless Shearer makes a world of difference

Blackburn Rovers 2
Southampton 0

BY PETER BALL

ALAN Shearer missed the final chapter of England's World Cup debacle on Wednesday. On Saturday he gave a pertinent rejoinder to critics of the English game with a goal that would have stood out in Brazil, a stunning waist-high volley from Gallacher's cross that screamed past the goalkeeper, Ian Andrews.

Even Southampton supporters could scarcely abstain from cheering a startling example of the goalscorer's art. Afterwards their players and manager, Ian Branfoot, were full of admiration for their former player, although Matthew Le Tissier did add a rider. "I went to congratulate him but he told me it had gone in off his shin, so I won't give him too much praise," he said.

Such a goal, Shearer's tenth in 13 games in the FA Carling Premiership, gave him a position of some authority when he insisted that English football should not be undervalued in spite of Wednesday's exit from the World Cup. "We play a completely different game to the continentals," he said, "but our league is one of the best leagues in the world, right up there with the Italian, and people all round the world love to watch it."

If there is an element of special pleading there, Shearer's point cannot be totally dismissed. There has been a plethora of breast-beating about the deficiencies of English football since the match on Wednesday. Some of it is undoubtedly justified, but some is sheer hysteria.

A lot of good teams are not going to the World Cup, including France, with Papin and Cantona, and the European champions, Denmark, with the Laudrup brothers. No lack of technique there. Surely it was not lack of technique, or talented players, which caused England's failure.

Jack Charlton, whose Ireland team is going to America, said last week that he would be happy to have any two of the six strikers of high quality available to England at the moment, and Shearer is good enough to stand with any goalscorer in the world. On Saturday he was the difference between the teams, Southampton playing some surprisingly good football for a team in their position but failing to convert some good chances into goals, as Branfoot complained afterwards. "If I had £3.5 million, I'd buy Shearer," said the man forced to sell him two years ago. "Although I suppose I'd need £5 million now."

Even that would hardly match Shearer's worth, as Le Tissier said. "He was a bargain at £3 million, and I really mean a bargain. He was always a strong runner, he's as tough as old boots, and he used to create a lot for other people but he is scoring a far higher ratio now than he did at Southampton."

Le Tissier gave glimpses of his own outstanding talent, including one bending free kick 15 minutes from time which offered Tim Flowers a belated chance to show his new supporters why he cost Blackburn £2 million.

For some time it seemed as if Flowers was going to be upstaged by his opposite number, Andrews, who has had a chequered career after making an early impact but now seems to have grabbed the chance offered by Flowers's departure with both hands. One save to turn aside David May's flick at the near post stood out, but there were also fine saves from Marker and two from Le Saux during Blackburn's early ascendancy.

"The save off May was magnificent, and that one stood out," an admiring Flowers said. "But it wasn't just the saves, his handling was very safe and sure and he was very positive about the way he came out for crosses. I'm very pleased for him, and the Southampton fans seem to have taken to him as well."

Shearer's first goal, from the penalty spot after he fell under Monkou's challenge at the near post, ensured Blackburn were not totally frustrated, but Andrews's resistance inspired Southampton, with Monkou, Allen and Le Tissier more than holding their own.

Their best chance was stopped by a "professional" foul by May, hauling back Bennett as he broke away. There was a covering player, just, so a yellow card was correct; morally he should have been dismissed, but he stayed on to witness Shearer's breathtaking goal which ended Southampton's hopes.


Le Tissier: admiration


Flowers: late save

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): R Mimms — H Berg, D May, N Marker, A Wright — S Ripley (sub: K Gallacher, 45min), T Sherwood, D Batty, G Le Saux — A Shearer, M Newell.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): I Andrews — J Kenna, S Wood, K Monkou, F Benali (sub: M Adams, 72) — P Allen, G Cockerill, N Maddison, S Charlton (sub: F Bennett, 68) — I Dowie, M Le Tissier.
Referee: K Cooper

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	15	40	+20	WWWWW
2	Aston Villa	15	29	+7	DWWWW
3	Norwich	15	27	+10	WDDWD
4	QPR	15	26	+7	WWLWW
5	Leeds	15	26	+7	DDDWD
6	Arsenal	15	26	+7	DDDLW
7	Blackburn	15	26	+6	DDWLW
8	Newcastle	15	25	+12	WLWWW
9	Liverpool	15	23	+7	WDWWL
10	Tottenham	15	20	+4	LDLLD
11	Coventry	15	20	-1	DLDWD
12	Wimbledon	15	20	-5	DLLWL
13	Everton	15	19	-4	DLWLL
14	West Ham	15	19	-5	DDWLW
15	Ipswich	15	17	-7	DWLLD
16	Manchester City	15	15	-2	DDLLD
17	Sheffield Wed	15	14	-3	DDDWD
18	Chelsea	15	13	-7	LLLLL
19	Sheffield Utd	15	12	-7	DDDLL
20	Southampton	15	11	-10	DWLWL
21	Oldham	15	11	-14	LDWLL
22	Swindon	15	6	-22	DDLLD

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Ardiles plotting revolution in national interest

Tottenham Hotspur.....1
Leeds United.....1

BY KEITH PIKE

OSVALDO Ardiles may not look like a football revolutionary but he certainly talks like one, and on Saturday came additional evidence that he did not hang up his vision along with his playing boots. Calling for a national debate on the problems besetting the English game, he then confirmed it is in need of a complete overhaul.

It made for absorbing listening, but a match that emphasised the urgent need for change had to be endured first: Premiership pinball with the goalkeepers acting as flippers to ensure there was no escape from the unrelenting pace, where to pause for breath or look for space was to invite tackles and trouble.

Ardiles was not declaring his candidacy for the job of England manager but he would, he said, be pleased to be involved in that revolution, "if asked ... if asked". The repetition was significant. The Tottenham Hotspur manager probably knows that he has one qualification too many for some; that apart from being a World Cup winner and a successful coach and manager, he is also Argentinian, which would have them spluttering into their Horlicks at Lancaster Gate.

A few minutes after Howard Wilkinson, the manager of Leeds and the bookmakers' favourite to eventually succeed Graham Taylor, had refused to join the debate — "to be honest I'm fed up with talking," he said — Ardiles, in his softly-spoken way, had detailed his view of the way forward from the bleakness of World Cup Wednesday.

A complete restructuring was needed, and change must start at the top. "The national team has to be of paramount importance," he said. "It does not matter how good the Premier League is, we are all judged on how the national team performs, so we should put it above the clubs."

To that end, the next England manager would be all powerful, a dictator who could summon his players for training perhaps as often as once a week. Ardiles would be "more than happy" to pack his England internationals off to Bisham Abbey every seven days. Sacrifices would have to be made.

The Premiership would also have to be restructured to cut down the number of games, but at the same time English football would have to be less insular, to be more adaptable to new tactics. The perfect marriage would bring together English physique and continental technique. "Basically there is nothing wrong with English football," Ardiles said. "We have many attributes — our never-say-die attitude and team spirit — but there is room for improvement." The English game, he said, had locked itself away from change since 1966.

On the evidence of White Hart Lane, there is an awful long way to go for Ardiles, Tottenham and everybody else. The strength of some of the best players in the land was confined to closing down opponents, denying space. Stifling rather than creating. Once in the first half, Tottenham were forced to make seven successive passes towards their own goal as they tried to make room to play. When that space was finally granted to Calderwood, he hoisted the ball apologetically into the stand.

Leeds, having taken a 53rd-minute lead through a messy goal by Deane and then hit the woodwork twice through McAllister and, with his first touch, Whelan, were pegged back as much by Joe Worrall's bizarre interpretation of the back-pass law as by Tottenham's creativity.

Nine minutes from time Weatherall, sliding to intercept Samways's pass, had diverted the ball away from goal, and Beeney ran the 12 yards to his right to collect only to be penalised. Anderton's shot from the free kick was deflected inside Beeney's near post by Deane, who had effectively dismantled Leeds's own defensive wall.

But a depressing afternoon was best summed up by the misfortunes of Barmby. His career already interrupted by shin splints, a legacy of the demands of the modern game, the young Tottenham striker had missed an early open goal when apparently flummoxed by the space Leeds permitted him inside their area, and was eventually taken off on a stretcher when Pemberton caught him late in the midfield minefield. An x-ray showed no broken bones, but the same cannot be said of the health of the game he plays.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-1-2-1-2): E Thorstvedt — J Edinburgh, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, S Campbell — V Samways, — D Anderton, S Sedgley — M Hazard — N Barmby (sub: D Howells, 69min), G Dune
LEEDS UNITED (5-4-1): M Beeney — G Kelly, D Weatherall, J Pemberton, C Fairclough, A Dorigo — D Rocastle (sub: N Whelan, 77), G McAllister, G Speed, Rod Wallace — B Deane.
Referee: J Worrall

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Collymore scores twice to lift Forest

West Bromwich Albion .. 0
Nottingham Forest......... 2

By Keith Pike

A PERIPHERAL, seemingly uninterested figure for all but a handful of the 90 minutes, Stan Collymore yesterday rid himself of his lethargy for just long enough to maintain Nottingham Forest's steady and significant progress up the Endsleigh Insurance League first division table.

Last season, a goal every other game from Collymore almost single-handedly preserved Southend United's status in this division. His two goals yesterday took his tally for Forest in all competitions to 14, and while he may have cost them over £2 million, it will have been money well spent if Forest can return to England's premier league at the first time of asking.

At 6ft 2in, shaven headed, muscular but with shoulders slumped, Collymore was hard to miss. For most of the match he could be seen imitating a statue in the centre circle.

But each time Forest got the service right, the long-striding Collymore was unstoppable. His goals, after four and 24 minutes, were testimony to a physique and eye for the finish that terrorised defenders.

Strodder's mistake, overrunning the ball on halfway, was the invitation for Collymore's first. Bohinen instantly set him away on the right, and although Lange managed to block Collymore's initial right-foot shot, he nonchalantly lofted home the rebound with his left.

Then it was Black's turn to unleash Collymore, this time on the opposite flank. Strodder and Reid were soon trailing. Mardon, the debutant, dismissed with a swivel of the hips and the ball placed expertly out of Lange's reach.

With such an outlet, Forest could afford to have nine men behind the ball and work their pretty patterns. Bohinen, whose goal for Norway in Oslo helped undermine England's hopes, was particularly effective in transforming defence into attack, and struck the crossbar late on.

Albion, now in the bottom three, looked bemused and bedraggled. Hunt hit the post in the first half, Donovan cleared the bar in the second, but they were token efforts from a well-beaten team.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION (3-4-1-2): A Lange — P Mardon, P Raven, G Strodder (sub, S Garner, 45min) — N Reid, M Mellon, K O'Regan, P Williams — K Donovan — R Taylor, A Hunt.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-1-4-1): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — D Phillips — S Stone, L Bohinen, S Gemmill, K Black — S Collymore.
Referee: M Peck.

Artistic licence fails to salvage Crewe

JULIAN HERBERT



Grady, the Crewe Alexandra manager, points the way forward during his team's 3-1 defeat by Wycombe Wanderers at Adams Park

Andrew Longmore sees Dario Gradi's team maintain their flair and adventure even in defeat at Adams Park

After a week of national angst over everything from the coaching structure to the linguistic inadequacies of British football players, the sight of a third division hacker nonchalantly clipping a 40-yard pass with the outside of his boot brought joy to the heart and a sense of perspective.

Only Italians, Spaniards and Dutchmen are supposed to be able to do that. So how is it that Wayne Collins, of Crewe Alexandra, a £10,000 buy from Winsford United, has mastered such a forbidden art? Perhaps things are not so bad after all.

Had a spy from the Continent infiltrated the homely terraces of Adams Park to watch Wycombe Wanderers beat Crewe 3-1 on Saturday, he would have wondered what all the fuss was about. Here, in the upper reaches of the third division, were two teams not just intent on playing football as it should be played, but actually managing to do it with a degree of flair and skill way above their lowly status. Which begs a question.

If Dario Gradi, the manager of Crewe and manufacturer of footballing talent, can encourage a mediocre team to attempt a fair impersonation of "total football", complete with sweeper (in the first half), attacking full backs, quick one-twos, neat triangles and swift, well-angled crosses, how is it that the England manager cannot persuade the best players in the land to do the same?

Is it lack of imagination? Lack of confidence? Or have the trite criticisms of the British game — no technique and bad coaching — been accepted so unhesitatingly that no one is even bothering to argue any more?

Over the past ten years, Gradi has bought, developed and sold two players who became England internationals — David Platt and Geoff Thomas — and produced a third, Rob Jones, from scratch at the club's thriving youth academy. Trading, nurturing, teaching good habits: it is the only way his club can survive.

"We are trying to produce footballers who can play at a higher level, partly because we need to sell them, partly because we want to win," he said. "We've been quite successful but, on the whole, the system is not working hard enough at producing footballers. It is easier to produce kick-and-rush players."

Gradi's main criticisms of the youth game are too much 11-a-side football, and not having enough access to the talented children because of school commitments. His teams, however, are a testimony to what can be done with limited talent, the right training and a touch of belief.



O'Neill: cautious

"We play reasonably skilful football and we get reasonably good results by doing that," Gradi said. "But the great thing is that all my players want to play that way. They enjoy it."

Crewe's brand of Houdini football, which has taken them to second place in the table, certainly makes thrilling viewing. No avenue is too narrow, no position too deep, no ball too difficult to be controlled and passed. Such escapism requires stealth, speed and a sure touch and sometimes it does not work, particularly on a treacherous surface against a side as artful as Wycombe.

On Saturday, Crewe's pretty patterns were undone by the pace, strength and directness of Wycombe's Tony Hemmings, who responded to the free role thrust on him by the midweek departure of Keith Scott to Swindon Town with a virtuoso display of front running.

It would have irked Gradi even more than his team's suicidal defending that he, along with West Ham United, Southend United and Dundee, had taken a long look at Hemmings before rejecting him.

Martin O'Neill, the Wycombe manager, took the gamble and, after Hemmings had scored twice, adding to Evans's set-piece header to maintain his side's challenge for promotion, he had a smug smile on his face like Arthur Daley in the wake of a good deal. If Hemmings continues where he left off on Saturday, the £300,000 gained on Scott's transfer will not burn such a hole in O'Neill's pocket.

In his first season of league management, O'Neill is more cautious about championing the principles of good football for their own sake. "We try to play when it's right to play," he said.

In contrast, Crewe thought it right to play any time and paid for their ambition. Still, if making the best of a bad job is one of the prerequisites for the role, Gradi would make an ideal England manager.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS (4-4-2): P Hyde — J Cousins, T Evans, M Crossley, D Horton — S Guppy, K Ryan, H Hayrettin, D Carroll — T Langford (sub: S Hutchinson 80min), A Hemming.
CREWE ALEXANDRA (5-3-2): M Smith — M Booty, S Macauley (sub: A Hughes 44), S Evans, S Smith, M Gardiner — R Edwards, N Lennon, W Collins (sub. F Tierney 73) — D Rowbotham, T Naylor.
Referee: P Alcock.

Factionalism laid bare by black comedy of World Cup

Precision clockwork is a speciality of the Swiss but one should not forget that they like things to go cuckoo from time to time. It was not surprising to hear Sepp Blatter, the Swiss secretary general of Fifa, suggesting that Britain should be represented by a single team in the World Cup, but it would be interesting to know who wound him up.

The usual objection to the separate representation of the home nations is that they give Britain four chances of having a side in the finals when every country is restricted to one, a theme which João Havelange, the president of Fifa, was never slow to encourage when he was expanding his power base in Africa and Asia.

Blatter's logic is different. As every British team has failed to make it to America, the home nations' case for separate entries has been weakened. Therefore Britain should confine itself to one national football side and, Blatter was reported to have hinted darkly, there might be moves to force that issue before long.

By the weekend Blatter was insisting that his remarks had been misinterpreted, that the notion of Fifa insisting that the British associations should amalgamate was "a preposterous thought". Too right it is, as the experience of last week demonstrated.

Confined by the aftermath of flu to watching the events of last Wednesday on television instead of travelling with Scotland to Malta, I found the experience entertaining in as much as it became a black comedy which would have baffled anybody, especially a Swiss.

BBC Scotland naturally chose to submit the highlights of the Scots' meeting with Malta, meaningless in competitive terms but spiced by the advent of a new national manager. Hardly had the broadcast begun than the news that San Marino had taken the lead against England was flashed onto the screen.

Bill McLaren is not a football commentator, alas, because he could have offered the perfect response to Gualtieri's goal in Bologna — "and that will make a lot of people very happy in Glasgow tonight". Not to mention Belfast, Cardiff and Dublin. At full-time in Malta, the Scottish coverage switched to Bologna and stayed with England to the end, unlike the BBC south of the border, which had fastened onto Wales in the vain hope of being allowed into somebody else's party.

On BBC Scotland the post-match analysis was pungent. Charlie Nicholas declared that Wales were "the one team I really hoped would make it" although he was "delighted for the Republic", probably a reference to the Irish, although it could also have served for San Marino, judging by Nicholas's barely-suppressed enjoyment of the several replays of Gualtieri's goal.

Back in England, meanwhile, the studio discussions had settled on the Republic of Ireland as "the only successful team from the British Isles". In the interests of diplomacy, it should be noted that the British Isles is not a geographical term which enjoys much currency south of Dundalk.

RODDY FORSYTH



Scottish commentary

By Saturday rugby was bearing the strain of British sporting schizophrenia. The sight of the All Blacks slicing through Scotland like a machete through butter was bearable for the Scottish audience only because of the prospect of a repeat at Twickenham.

As Will Carling declared last week that his favourite sensation in rugby was beating Scotland at Murrayfield, he will not be surprised to learn that one prominent former Scotland player has spent the weekend praying, as he puts it, for New Zealand to stuff England.

Such, Blatter should note, is the reality of sporting rivalry in Britain, the factionalism that unites the kingdom. Out of the World Cup we may be and thrashed by New Zealand on our own ground, but a stuffing for England remains the stuff of which Scottish dreams are made.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

A VILLA (0) 1 SHEFF UTD (0) 0
Whittingham 76 — 24,686

BLACKBURN (1) 2 SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Shearer 23 (pen), 77 — 16,666

CHELSEA (0) 0 ARSENAL (2) 2
26,839 — Smith 27, Wright 45 (pen)

EVERTON (0) 0 QPR (1) 3
17,089 — Allen 27, 51, 83

MAN UTD (0) 3 WIMBLEDON (0) 1
Pallister 53, Hughes 66, Kanchelskis 79 — Fashanu 64 — 44,748

NORWICH (0) 1 MAN CITY (0) 1
Fox 57 — Quinn 59 — 16,626

SHEFF WED (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0
33,379

SWINDON (1) 2 IPSWICH (1) 2
Scott 44, Bodin 83 (pen) — Wark 17, 62 (pen) — 13,343

TOTTENHAM (0) 1 LEEDS (0) 1
Anderton 81 — Deane 53 — 31,275

WEST HAM (1) 2 OLDHAM (0) 0
Martin 43, Morley 75 — 17,251

Yesterday

NEWCASTLE (3) 3 LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Cole 5, 16, 30 — 36,374

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Man Utd	15	7	1	0	19	6	6	0	1	14	7	40
2 A Villa	15	4	1	2	8	5	4	4	0	10	6	29
3 Norwich	15	2	3	2	3	4	5	3	0	21	10	27
4 QPR	15	5	1	1	16	8	3	1	4	12	13	26
5 Leeds	15	5	1	1	15	9	2	4	2	10	9	26
6 Arsenal	15	4	2	2	10	6	3	3	1	5	2	26
7 Blackburn	15	3	3	2	8	7	4	2	1	12	7	26
8 Newcastle	15	5	1	2	16	6	2	3	2	11	9	25
9 Liverpool	15	5	1	2	13	6	2	1	4	9	9	23
10 Tottenham	15	3	3	1	12	6	2	2	4	8	10	20
11 Coventry	15	3	4	1	8	7	1	4	2	8	10	20
12 Wimbldon	15	3	3	1	9	6	2	2	4	8	16	20
13 Everton	15	3	0	4	8	12	3	1	4	9	9	19
14 West Ham	15	4	2	2	8	7	1	2	4	3	9	19
15 Ipswich	15	2	3	3	7	11	2	2	3	8	11	17
16 Man City	15	1	4	2	9	9	2	2	4	6	8	15
17 Sheff Wed	15	1	5	2	12	12	1	3	3	9	12	14
18 Chelsea	15	3	1	4	7	8	0	3	4	4	10	13
19 Sheff Utd	15	2	3	2	10	9	0	3	5	7	15	12
20 Soton	15	3	1	3	12	12	0	1	7	4	14	11
21 Oldham	15	0	4	3	6	12	2	1	5	4	12	11
22 Swindon	15	0	3	5	8	19	0	3	4	5	16	6

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 1, Reading 1; Bromley 3, Hendon 3; Carshalton 2, Basingstoke 0. Enfield 0, Chesham 1. Harrow 2, Dulwich 1; Hayes 1, Stevenage Borough 3. Hitchin 0, Sutton United 0. Kingstonian 1 Marlow 1; Wivenhoe 3, Molesey 4; Wokingham 3, Grays 0. Postponed: Dorking v St Albans. First division: Barking 2, Billericay 2. Bishop's Stortford 5, Whyteleafe 1. Chalfont St Peter 0, Maidenhead 2, Croydon 1, Wembley 2. Ruislip Manor 1, Heybridge Swifts 2; Staines 2, Leyton 3, Tooting and Mitcham 3, Boreham Wood 3; Windsor and Eton 1. Uxbridge 4; Worthing 0, Abingdon 1. Postponed: Berkhamsted v Bognor Regis. Second division: Hungerford 2, Hampton 0, Ware 3, Egham 2. Witham 0, Leatherhead 0. Third division: East Thurrock 2, Southall 2; Epsom and Ewell 3. Camberley 1, Feltham and Hounslow 3, Clapton 0. Flackwell Heath 1, Horsham 1; Harefield 1, Kingsbury 0, Hertford 1, Leighton 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2, Bridlington Town 1. Bishop Auckland 2, Leek 2. Boston 0, Barrow 0; Buxton 0, Morecambe 2. Droylsden 0, Colwyn Bay 0; Emley 6, Marine 2. Frickley 5, Chorley 0. Gainsborough 5, Fleetwood 1. Horwich 0, Hyde 1; Knowsley 1. Whitley Bay 1. Winsford 0, Matlock 3. First division: Alfreton 3, Caernarfon 3. Ashton United 4, Netherfield 0. Curzon Ashton 1, Worksop 3, Eastwood Town 2. Workington 0; Gretna 2, Goole 1. Guiseley 2, Warrington 0. Lancaster 4, Harrogate 1. Mossley 0, Great Harwood 1. Spennymoor 0, Congleton 0

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (1) 1 C PALACE (1) 3
Redfearn 15 — Armstrong 1, Williams 57, 74 — 5,384

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (0) 1
11,896 — Stimson 74

DERBY (2) 2 GRIMSBY (1) 1
Short 13, Pembridge 23 (pen) — Mendonca 34 (pen) — 13,498

LEICESTER (1) 2 OXFORD UTD (0) 3
Thompson 42 (pen), Whitlow 82 — Cusack 47, Rogan 52, Dyer 87 — 14,070

MILLWALL (2) 3 TRANMERE (0) 1
Mitchell 8, Goodman 26, Kennedy 50 — Jones 82 — 8,653

NOTTS CO (0) 2 STOKE (0) 0
Robinson 54, Turner 82 — 9,615

PETERBORO (0) 0 CHARLTON (0) 1
6,273 — Nelson 64

SUNDERLAND (0) 0 SOUTHEND (1) 2
15,452 — Angell 22, Bressington 76 (pen)

WATFORD (1) 1 BRISTOL C (0) 1
Soloman 32 — Martin 75 — 6,045

Postponed: Luton v Wolverhampton.

Yesterday

MIDDLESBRO (0) 0 BOLTON (1) 1
6,828 — McGinlay 35

WEST BROM (0) 0 NOTTM FOR (2) 2
15,581 — Collymore 4, 23

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Charlton	18	6	2	1	16	5	4	3	2	8	9	35
2 Tranmere	18	7	1	1	21	9	2	3	4	7	12	31
3 C Palace	15	6	2	0	17	5	3	1	3	14	12	30
4 Southend	17	5	2	1	17	6	4	1	4	14	15	30
5 Derby	17	7	0	1	20	10	2	2	5	8	17	29
6 Leicester	16	5	1	1	16	7	4	1	4	9	8	29
7 Portsmth	17	5	2	1	14	8	2	5	2	12	15	28
8 Stoke	17	5	0	3	11	8	3	3	3	14	16	27
9 Millwall	18	5	3	1	17	10	2	3	4	7	15	27
10 Bristol C	18	5	2	2	14	8	2	3	4	9	13	26
11 Wolves	17	3	5	1	15	9	2	3	3	12	10	23
12 Middlsbro	17	3	3	3	13	8	3	2	3	12	12	23
13 Nottm For	17	3	3	2	13	12	3	2	4	12	11	23
14 Grimsby	17	2	5	1	9	4	2	3	4	13	16	20
15 Notts Co	17	6	1	1	16	7	0	1	8	6	22	20
16 Birmngham	17	4	3	3	13	13	1	2	4	6	11	20
17 Watford	16	4	3	2	15	13	1	1	5	8	17	19
18 Oxford Utd	17	4	2	2	15	11	1	2	6	8	20	19
19 Bolton	16	3	2	2	12	9	2	2	5	10	15	19
20 Luton	17	4	0	4	10	9	1	2	6	7	15	17
21 Sunderlnd	17	5	1	3	13	8	0	1	7	3	19	17
22 WBA	16	4	3	2	19	15	0	1	6	5	14	16
23 Barnsley	18	1	1	7	8	18	3	2	4	14	18	15
24 Peterboro	16	3	4	2	12	8	0	2	5	3	14	15

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cambridge City 4, Hednesford 1; Cheltenham 5, Atherstone 1. Farnborough 1, Gloucester 0. Gresley Rovers 3, Hastings 0; Halesowen 2, Dorchester 0; Moor Green 3, Trowbridge 1. Nuneaton 1. Chelmsford 1; Sittingbourne 1, Solihull 0; Worcester 2, Bashley 0. Postponed: Corby v Waterlooville. Southern division: Bury Town 3, Dunstable 3; Canterbury City 3, Burnham 2; Erith and Belvedere 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 1. Fareham 1, Braintree 0. Margate 1, Fisher 93 3; Poole 1, Baldock 2; Sudbury 0, Havant 0. Wealdstone 3, Weymouth 0; Witney 1, Salisbury City 0. Midland division: Bedworth 0, Weston-super-Mare 1, Grantham 0, Dudley 1. Rushden and Diamonds 5 Tamworth 1, Stourbridge 0, Newport AFC 0, Sutton Coldfield 1, Redditch 5; VS Rugby 0. Leicester United 0
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 1, Maine Road (Man) 1; Clitheroe 3, St Helens 1; Salford City 0, Newcastle Town 1. Postponed: Bradford Park Avenue v Rossendale. Chadderton v Kidsgrove Athletic: Darwen v Skelmersdale.

Second division

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 HUDDERSFLD (0) 1
Watson 68, Horner 83 — Roberts 60 — 4,704

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 HULL (2) 2
4,124 — Brown 13, Atkinson 35

BRADFORD (0) 1 PLYMOUTH (3) 5
Nicholls 84 (og) — Comyn 3, Marshall 5, 76, 85, Nugent 14 — 5,204

BRENTFORD (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 0
6,085

BRIGHTON (0) 0 READING (1) 1
6,309 — Taylor 24

EXETER (0) 1 PORT VALE (0) 1
Storer 66 — Van der Laan 64 — 3,908

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 WREXHAM (2) 2
Southall 15 — Watkin 18, Bennett 21 — 1,530

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 FULHAM (1) 2
Todd 44 — Brazil 13 62 — 2,667

STOCKPORT (0) 0 BRISTOL R (1) 2
5,250 — Archer 10, Taylor 52

SWANSEA (1) 1 L ORIENT (0) 1
Torpey 35 — Cooper 89 — 3,160

YORK (1) 1 BARNET (0) 1
Bushell 41 — Haag 86 (pen) — 2,966

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Reading	17	6	2	0	17	8	5	2	2	23	13	37
2 Stockport	17	8	0	1	23	5	3	3	2	10	10	36
3 Bristol R	17	4	3	1	13	8	5	1	3	10	8	31
4 Blackpool	17	7	1	1	20	10	2	2	4	13	15	30
5 Hull	17	5	2	1	16	7	4	1	4	16	20	30
6 Burnley	17	7	1	0	21	7	2	1	6	8	14	29
7 Plymouth	17	5	2	1	17	9	3	2	4	16	16	28
8 Port Vale	16	5	2	1	19	9	3	2	3	10	10	28
9 Bradford	17	5	1	3	18	11	2	2	4	11	17	24
10 Exeter	17	5	2	2	23	16	1	4	3	5	15	24
11 Brentford	17	4	3	2	9	7	2	3	3	7	8	24
12 Wrexham	17	5	2	1	21	11	1	3	5	6	17	23
13 Cambridge	17	4	2	3	13	10	2	3	3	11	15	23
14 Swansea	17	5	3	1	16	9	1	2	5	4	14	23
15 Bournemth	15	3	3	2	10	8	3	2	2	8	6	23
16 L Orient	17	3	3	2	11	9	3	1	5	9	17	22
17 York	17	3	2	4	12	10	3	1	4	8	10	21
18 Rotherham	17	2	3	4	12	15	2	3	3	10	14	18
19 Huddersfld	17	2	3	3	6	9	2	2	5	10	15	17
20 Cardiff	16	2	2	3	15	14	1	5	3	10	16	16
21 Hartlepool	17	3	1	5	8	10	1	3	4	7	11	16
22 Brighton	17	1	5	3	7	11	2	1	5	8	15	15
23 Fulham	17	0	2	6	4	12	3	1	5	12	15	12
24 Barnet	17	0	1	7	6	14	1	1	7	8	26	5

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 2, Ballyclare 0; Coleraine 3, Bangor 1; Crusaders 3, Larne 1; Distillery 4, Ballymena 1; Linfield 3, Cliftonville 1; Newry 2, Carrick 2; Omagh Town 1, Glenavon 2; Portadown 1, Glentoran 0.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor 1, Inter Cardiff 1, Briton Ferry 2, Connah's Quay 2; Caersws 3, Llanelli 3, Cwmbran 0, Porthmadog 1; Flint Town 5, Afan Lido 0; Haverfordwest 1, Newtown 4; Llansantffraid 1, Aberystwyth 2; Maesteg Park 1, Conwy 2; Mold 0, Ebbw Vale 2; Ton Pentre 0, Holywell 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Portsmouth 1, Norwich 1; Southampton 2, Arsenal 1

Third division

CARLISLE (0) 0 PRESTON (0) 1
10,279 — Ellis 81

CHESTER (0) 1 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Pugh 58 — 2,650

CHESTRFLD (0) 1 SCARBORO (0) 0
Trotter 74 — 2,110

DARLINGTN (1) 2 MANSFIELD (0) 0
Pearson 39, Chapman 46 — 2,043

DONCASTER (0) 2 COLCHESTER (0) 1
Yates 54, Page 87 — McGavin 62 — 2,034

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 WIGAN (1) 2
Forster 18, Baker 59 — Daley 34, Lyons 56 — 2,727

ROCHDALE (2) 2 BURY (0) 1
Bowden 7, Williams 10 — Mulligan 67 — 3,758

SHREWSBURY (0) 0 SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
2,436

TORQUAY (0) 1 HEREFORD (0) 1
Trollope 86 — Pike 51 — 2,846

WALSALL (3) 5 LINCOLN (2) 2
Peer 1, 9, 71, Lightbourne 13, 60 — Hill 16, Brown 31 — 4,580

WYCOMBE (2) 3 CREWE (1) 1
Evans 10, Hemmings 19 65 — Rowbotham 19 — 6,137

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Preston	16	7	0	1	22	9	4	2	2	17	15	35
2 Crewe	16	7	1	0	20	7	2	3	3	12	14	31
3 Chester	16	4	2	2	9	5	5	0	3	16	16	29
4 Walsall	16	4	3	2	16	11	4	2	1	6	3	29
5 Wycombe	16	4	2	2	15	11	3	5	0	13	10	28
6 Doncaster	16	5	1	2	13	9	3	1	4	6	9	26
7 Rochdale	16	5	2	2	16	6	2	2	3	11	10	25
8 Scunthrp	16	3	3	1	15	5	3	3	3	8	7	24
9 Shrewsbry	16	3	3	2	10	9	3	2	3	13	13	23
10 Lincoln	16	3	2	3	11	14	3	2	3	13	15	22
11 Chesterfld	16	5	1	3	13	9	2	0	5	8	16	22
12 Mansfield	16	4	1	2	10	10	2	3	4	10	17	22
13 Torquay	16	2	7	0	17	14	2	2	3	10	12	21
14 Gillinghm	16	4	4	1	14	9	1	2	4	6	11	21
15 Colchestr	16	6	1	2	18	14	1	1	6	13	25	20
16 Bury	16	4	2	1	14	8	1	2	6	9	18	19
17 Carlisle	16	2	3	3	12	11	2	4	2	8	5	19
18 Scarboro	16	2	0	5	8	13	3	2	4	10	14	17
19 Wigan	16	2	2	3	14	13	2	2	5	9	17	16
20 Hereford	16	2	1	5	15	16	1	2	5	10	23	12
21 Darlington	16	2	3	4	12	12	0	2	5	6	13	11
22 Northmptn	16	2	2	3	8	9	0	2	7	8	23	10

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 2, Pontefract Col 2, Eccleshill 1, Hucknall 4
LONDON OLD BOYS: Senior Cup: Glyn 2, Wilsonians 1: Meadonians 3, Harrovians 0: Aloysians 2, Shene OG 0; Danes 3, Latymer 6, Hamptonians 2, Mill Hill 1, Aldenhamians 2, Chertsey 4, Clapham 2, Manorians 4; Phoenix 7, Sinjuns 1; Dorkinians 1, Salvatorians 0 (aet): Tollingtonians 4, Highburians 2; Southallians 9, Addeyans 0; Grocers 2, Parmiterians 3. Carthusians 2, Kingsburians 1. Old Boys League: Premier division: Cardinal Manning 1, Ignatians 1.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 0, Fakenham 1; Great Yarmouth 3, Stowmarket 0; Histon 0, Gorleston 1; Norwich United 1, Harwich & Parkeston 4, Sudbury Wanderers 0, Watton 1: Wroxham 3, Tiptree 2.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (0) 0 BROMSGROVE (0) 1
623 — Webb 82

GATESHEAD (0) 3 DAG & RED (1) 1
Lamb 66, Dobson 78, Rowe 89 — Desouza 14 — 441

HALIFAX (0) 1 WELLING (0) 1
Lambert 57 — Abbott 47 — 1,035

KETTERING (0) 2 SOUTHPORT (0) 0
Taylor 64, Thorpe 66 — 1,980

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 0 WITTON (0) 0
1,536

MACCLESFLD (1) 2 SLOUGH (1) 2
Alford 32, Sharratt 85 — M Scott 38, 79 — 1,033

MERTHYR (0) 2 STAFFORD (0) 0
Drewitt 74, James 86 — 561

NORTHWICH (0) 1 TELFORD (0) 0
O'Connor 55 — 748

RUNCORN (1) 2 ALTRINCHM (1) 1
Thomas 45, Robertson 57 — A Strange 39 — 627

STALYBRIDGE (0) 2 WOKING (1) 2
Brown 51, Bunn 51 — Craddock 8, Walker 53 — 524

YEOVIL (0) 1 DOVER (2) 3
Spencer 82 — T Dixon 15, O'Connell 45, Leworthy 64 — 2,730

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kidderminstr	17	6	2	1	11	3	3	1	4	12	14	30
2 Southport	16	4	3	1	14	10	4	2	2	14	10	29
3 Dover	15	7	0	0	16	2	2	1	5	9	12	28
4 Kettering	14	4	3	0	7	2	3	3	1	8	3	27
5 Welling	14	3	2	2	7	6	3	3	1	9	5	23
6 Slough	16	5	1	2	15	10	1	4	3	4	7	23
7 Runcorn	15	5	1	2	18	12	0	5	2	9	14	21
8 Stafford	15	5	0	3	17	11	1	3	3	8	13	21
9 Merthyr	16	3	5	0	13	5	1	3	4	8	12	20
10 Yeovil	17	4	2	3	13	9	1	3	4	9	16	20
11 Macclsfld	16	4	2	3	17	11	2	0	5	8	18	20
12 Woking	15	4	2	2	14	11	1	3	3	6	14	20
13 Bath	15	2	3	4	16	14	2	4	0	7	2	19
14 Dag & Red	13	4	2	0	14	8	1	2	4	5	12	19
15 Northwich	15	2	5	0	7	5	2	2	4	6	15	19
16 Witton	17	3	3	2	10	9	1	3	5	4	12	18
17 Halifax	16	2	5	1	14	6	1	3	4	12	19	17
18 Bromsgrv	13	1	3	2	9	8	3	1	3	10	13	16
19 Gateshead	13	2	2	1	8	5	2	1	5	9	18	15
20 Altrnchm	15	2	3	2	6	6	1	2	5	5	10	14
21 Stalybrdg	12	1	3	3	8	10	0	4	1	2	3	10
22 Telford	13	0	3	2	5	8	1	2	5	5	15	8

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 1, Murton 2; Brandon United 0, Billingham Synthonia 6; Durham City 2, Shildon 1; Eppleton CW 1, Hebburn 2; Guisborough 3, Ferryhill Athletic 1; Newcastle Blue Star 0, Seaham Red Star 1; Northallerton Town 3, Whitby 2; Stockton 1, Dunston FB 3; West Auckland 1, Chester-le-Street 2. Postponed: Consett v Tow Law Town.
SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshalton 0, Old Actonians 2; Winchmore Hill 2, Old Esthameians 2; West Wickham 0, Civil Service 2; Old Latymerians 1, Kew Association 2; East Barnet OG 5, Old Bromleians 0; Ibis 2, Broomfield 4; Brentham 1, Old Salesians 1; Royal Bank of Scotland 0, Old Lyonians 3; Reigate Priory 1, Cuaco 5, Merton 3, Old Westminster Citizens 3

Scottish League

Premier division

CELTIC (0) 0 HEARTS (0) 0
25,981

DUNDEE (0) 0 ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1
4,864 — Moore 16

HIBERNIAN (0) 0 RANGERS (1) 1
15,393 — Gough 31

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
Arnott 1, Kirk 66 — 5,807

PARTICK (0) 0 KILMARNOCK (0) 1
6,437 — Crainie 82

Postponed: Raith v Aberdeen.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Motherwell	17	5	3	1	14	7	4	2	2	9	7	23
2 Rangers	18	4	2	3	15	12	4	4	1	12	8	22
3 Aberdeen	17	5	4	0	12	3	1	5	2	8	9	21
4 Hibernian	18	5	2	2	12	8	2	4	3	12	11	20
5 Celtic	17	2	5	1	7	4	3	4	2	14	11	19
6 Kilmarnck*	18	2	5	2	9	9	3	3	3	9	9	18
7 Hearts	18	4	3	2	10	8	1	4	4	3	7	17
8 Dundee U	18	2	6	1	11	10	1	5	3	7	12	17
9 Partick	18	3	3	3	10	8	1	5	3	12	16	16
10 St Johnstn	18	3	3	3	13	13	1	4	4	4	11	15
11 Raith	17	1	5	2	9	14	1	4	4	11	18	13
12 Dundee	18	3	3	3	11	10	1	0	8	5	14	11

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham 3, Westbury 0; Exmouth 0, Bristol Manor Farm 3; Torrington 2, Minehead 0.
SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Bealonians 1, St Mary's College 1; Old Grammarians 1, Wandsworth 0, Witan 4, Old Finchleians 4.
FA VASE: Second round: Aldershot 2, Herne Bay 1, Whitehawk 4, Portfield 1; Eastleigh 1, Peacehaven and Telscombe 2; Crowborough 1, Corinthian Casuals 4; Chertsey 0, Newbury 3: Tunbridge Wells 2, Lewes 0; Bedfont 1, Northwood 1; Newport IOW 2, Banstead 2: Lancing 3. Tonbridge 4; Croydon 2, Oxford City 0; Forest Green 0, Barnstaple 0; Torpoint 2, First Tower 0; Melksham 0. Taunton 6; Welton 0, Wimborne 1; Mangotsfield 0, Tiverton 5; Yate 1, Elmore 2. Andover 6, Bideford 2; Milton 1, Falmouth 4; Clevedon 4, St Blazey 0; Paulton 2, Frome 1; Hinckley 2, West Midlands Police 1: Rocester 1, Glossop North End 2; Bilston 2, Raunds 2; Walthamstow Pennant 1. Saffron Walden 4; Arlesey 2, Haverhill 1, Brimsdown 2, Stillington 1; Edgware 1, Wisbech 2; Tring 0. Diss 0; Collier Row 3, Newmarket 2; Lowestoft 0, Buckingham 2; Letchworth GC 2, Soham TR 3; Hoddesdon 1, Cheshunt 4; Hemel Hempstead 0, Ford 1; Kings Lynn 7; Hornchurch 1; Halstead 3, Sawbridgeworth 1; Boston 3, Barton 1; March Town 0, Gt Wakering 2; Aveley 2, Canvey Island 4, Godalming and Guildford 2, Bracknell 4; Wick 0, Malden Vale 1; Burgess Hill 0, Metropolitan Police 3; Thame 2, North Leigh 1; Atherton LR 3, Prudhoe East End 0; Ponteland 3, Liversedge 1; Yorkshire Arms 3, Sheffield 2; Burscough 2, Penrith 3; Cammell Laird 6, Bootle 2; Brigg 3, Flixton 1; Bamber Bridge 4, Vauxhall 2. South Shields 2, Maltby MW 3, Thackley 2, Prescot AFC 1; Pickering 0, Bacup Borough 1; Res Parkgate 0, Whickham 3; Radcliffe 3, Crook 1; Chasetown 3, Oadby 4; Arnold 1, Lincoln United 2; Cogenhoe 0, Evesham 0; Belper 1, Ilkeston 0; Dunkirk 4, Louth 2; Pelsall Villa 1, Alvechurch 1; Bridgnorth 5, Chatteris 1; Westfields 1, Northampton Spencer 1; Holwell Sports 1, Nantwich 6; Rothwell 1, Eastwood Hanley 1.

First division

AIRDRIE (0) 0 DUMBARTON (0) 1
1,800 — Marsland 80

BRECHIN (0) 1 ST MIRREN (0) 4
Conway 79 — Lavety 61, Elliot 73, 89, Dawson 88 (pen) — 904

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 STIRLING (1) 1
Smith 43, Lansdowne 85 — Watters 9 — 815

MORTON (0) 0 AYR (1) 1
1,293 — Shotton 7

Postponed: Clyde v Falkirk; Dunfermline v Hamilton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Clydebank	19	5	3	1	15	9	5	3	2	18	8	26
2 Falkirk	18	6	1	2	16	11	4	4	1	16	8	25
3 Airdrie	19	5	4	1	16	8	5	1	3	13	10	25
4 Dunfermln	18	7	0	2	26	9	4	2	3	15	10	24
5 Hamilton	18	6	2	2	21	10	2	3	3	10	16	21
6 St Mirren	19	3	1	5	8	11	4	4	2	16	13	19
7 Ayr	19	3	3	4	9	12	4	2	3	8	7	19
8 Stirling	19	5	2	2	15	11	3	1	6	11	19	19
9 Dumbartn	19	2	3	5	12	17	4	0	5	11	13	15
10 Morton	19	2	4	4	11	15	1	3	5	10	20	13
11 Clyde	18	3	2	3	9	8	1	2	7	6	18	12
12 Brechin	19	2	1	6	5	16	0	1	9	3	21	6

Second division

ARBROATH (2) 3 MEADWBNK (2) 2
Martin 1, McKinnon 10, Sorbie 49 — Wilson 5, 45 — 576

COWDNBTH (0) 1 STRANRAER (0) 2
Callaghan 83 — Duncan 78, Gallagher 84 — 509

E STIRLING (0) 2 E FIFE (1) 1
Kemp 75 (pen), McCallum 90 — Sneddon 12 — 651

MONTROSE (1) 1 ALLOA (1) 2
Grant 18 — Willock 45, Newbigging 49 (pen) — 465

QUEEN OF S (1) 1 ALBION (0) 2
Thomson 32 — Rowe 57 (og), Seggie 75 — 506

QUEEN'S PK (0) 1 STENHSMUIR (0) 2
O'Neill 46 — Steel 51, Mathieson 87 — 567

Postponed: Berwick v Forfar.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Stranraer	16	7	0	1	20	9	4	2	2	9	8	24
2 Alloa	16	4	2	2	5	3	5	2	1	14	9	22
3 Meadbank	16	4	3	1	15	9	4	1	3	11	8	20
4 Stenhsmr	16	5	2	1	15	5	4	0	4	9	13	20
5 E Fife	16	4	2	2	17	12	4	0	4	10	11	18
6 Berwick	15	3	3	1	15	7	2	2	4	11	13	15
7 Qu of Sth	16	3	0	5	15	13	3	3	2	14	11	15
8 Forfar	15	2	3	4	10	13	3	1	2	11	8	14
9 Montrose	16	2	1	4	5	8	3	2	4	16	18	13
10 Arbroath	16	3	2	3	15	15	2	1	5	5	14	13
11 E Stirling	16	2	1	5	12	18	2	4	2	9	13	13
12 Albion	16	1	2	5	5	10	3	2	3	10	10	12
13 Cowdenbth	16	0	2	8	9	16	4	2	2	12	12	12
14 Queen's P	16	3	2	3	12	13	0	3	5	9	24	11

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Cholmeleians 4, Old Salopians 1; Old Etonians 3, Old Malvernians 1; Lancing Old Boys 1, Old Reptonians 1. Arthur Dunn Cup: Old Foresters 1, Old Chigwellians 2. First division: Old Bradfieldians 1, Old Wellingburians 0; Old Haileyburians 2, Old Westminsters 1; Old Witleians 3, Old Wykehamists 0.
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cork City 1, Derry City 0; Dundalk 0, Limerick 0; Galway United 2, Drogheda United 0; Monaghan United 1, Bohemians 0; Shamrock Rovers 1, St Patrick's Athletic 0. Leading positions (after 15 matches): 1, Shamrock 25 points; 2, Cork, 20; 3, Shelbourne, 20
HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Daventry 1, Desborough 2; Holbeach 2, Long Buckby 1; Mirrlees Blackstone 1, Newport Pagnell 1; Potton 2, Kempston 0, Spalding 2, Wootton 2; Wellingborough 1, Bourne 1

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	2	2½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	3	1½

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	2	3	1½	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½

FORECAST: Dividends are very good with seven jackpot draws. Telephone claims required for 23 and 23½ points.

Baby-faced All Black creates improbable sporting dream


Wilson: hat-trick of tries

John Hopkins watches as New Zealand introduce a comic-book hero who conjures up some rugby magic

Something happened between Old Anniesland and Auld Reekie. In the seven days that followed the All Blacks' 20-9 victory over Scotland A in Glasgow and their demolition of the national team at Murrayfield on Saturday, Sean Fitzpatrick's men found something extra. It was not old. In fact, he is very young. His name is Jeff Wilson and he is less than one month past his twentieth birthday.

To become an All Black is a pretty good benchmark of one's ability at rugby but on Saturday Wilson demonstrated that he was a much better right wing than we had thought, just as the entire team raised its game to a new level. Wilson scored three tries and kicked one conversion, a haul of 17 points.

He is faster, stronger and more deceptive than had been realised and on Saturday he made the most stunning international debut since Keith Jarrett, of Wales, scored 19 points against England in 1967.

Wilson is fair-haired and rosy-cheeked, one of two New Zealanders playing on Saturday who would not look out of place sitting at the front in an under-14 team photo, legs crossed and arms folded.

The other was Stu Forster, the scrum-half, who had a fine game, the maturity of his play contrasting with the tenderness of his looks. But he was overshadowed by Jeff Wilson, a modern-day Wilson of *The Wizard*.

As one watched Wilson weaving his magic in front of a strangely-muted and unfinished stadium, one's mind was yanked back to the days before the end of pounds, shillings and pence to a comic called *The Wizard* and a hero therein, The Great Wilson. In its pages each week Wilson pulled off the improbable — running 220 yards in 21 seconds and 440 yards in 42 seconds on the same day, covering 300 yards before the church bell had struck three times, dashing 100 yards in nine seconds dead.

That Great Wilson, published, incidentally, by D.C. Thomson, a Scottish publisher, took no part in team games. He could run like the wind, jump like a stag but he was no rugby player or cricketer. Our great Wilson is. He played in a series of one-day cricket internationals against Australia, hitting — you've guessed it — the winning boundary. "He raced through the cheering crowds with his clenched fist held high," one observer noted.

Not so at Murrayfield. After Wilson's second try he showed no hint of emotion himself as he ran back while Matthew Cooper prepared to kick the conversion. Wilson did not clench his fist, or raise his hands above his head. In fact, he looked a shade embarrassed. More to the point, only one team-mate congratulated him, his fellow baby-face, Forster.

There are no dangers that Wilson might get above himself. The All Blacks are as sombre and ruthless in their approach as the men from the Mafia — and in the long black overcoats they wore after Saturday's game they look as menacing. Nobody is allowed to get above himself and, by the sound of it, there is no danger of that happening to Wilson.

"He is a very firm-footed young man," Laurie Mains, the New Zealand coach, said, using an inappropriate adjective to describe someone who was as light-footed and slinky as anyone on the field. Fitzpatrick added: "He is a single-minded young man."

And Earle Kirton, the gregarious New Zealander who once coached a Harlequins side that contained a promising pastry chef named Dick Best, now the England coach, threw in his assessment, too: "Jeff is as sensible a young man as I've ever come across."

As the 1971 Lions in New Zealand referred to Barry John as The King, so the 1993 All Blacks who were not selected against Scotland were not afraid to laud their youthful team-mate. As one they rose to applaud Wilson as he ran back after converting his own try. A couple of track-suited replacements broke off from their endless stretching exercises down by the touchline long enough to give Wilson a few salaams.

"To score three tries and kick the conversion that takes the score over 50 is obviously a pretty average debut," Gavin Hastings said drily. "He'll enjoy himself tonight."

In the programme at Murrayfield there was a full-page photograph of Wilson in attack. The caption describes him as "one of the All Blacks' tour successes". If that is what Wilson was before Saturday's game, what, pray, is he now?

SIMON BELLIS/ACTION IMAGES

Records tumble as All Blacks trample on Scots

Scotland	15
New Zealand	51

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MOST countries would have expressed an open degree of pleasure at scoring a half-century of points in an international. Not the All Blacks. The smile on the face of this New Zealand tiger will not show until the job has been completed: Scotland was only part one, now for England at Twickenham.

There will have been private satisfaction but it is a measure of the way the All Blacks have always approached the game that they never rest for a moment, that there is always another goal. This is why they are the reference point in world rugby, why they can introduce four newcomers to the international arena, why they can concede nearly 100 caps-worth of experience and still create records.

Murrayfield on Saturday was a black — All Black — day for Scottish rugby. Not just that they were beaten, by five goals, two tries and two penalty goals to five penalties, but that their plans were demolished so utterly within the first quarter: their tall lineout did not touch a ball on the first half-dozen throws, their scrum was rocked from the outset, the physical presence of their back division meant nothing when it was being run ragged by players who knew when and how to move the ball.

It took Scotland an hour to move with any degree of coherence, by which time they knew they were looking down the barrel of an almighty hiding from a New Zealand side which moved with beautiful precision. One little cameo, only a few minutes into the game, illustrated the difference: Nicol left the field for attention and before Redpath could replace him New Zealand had taken a lineout throw and Scotland had moved nobody to scrum half. If there is any minute area from which they can ring an advantage the All Blacks will do so.

No wonder Sean Fitzpatrick, their captain, could claim that this Royal Bank international had been "a complete performance by 15 players concentrating on their individual jobs. It was a pleasure to play in. It was the most satisfying performance I have been involved with, in terms of Test matches, the commitment of the guys, total aggression and the mental hardness to play for eighty minutes."

By inference, of course, Fitzpatrick was saying that some of his games with Auckland have been fairly satisfactory, which exposes the reason why players like Stu Forster and Marc Ellis can come into the team at half back and play like veterans. Otago has prepared them for this; Scotland's district championship manifestly has not, nor has any other regional competition in the British Isles.

"The first thing I told the boys when they got back to the changing rooms was, 'this is international rugby'," Douglas Morgan, the new Scotlandcoach, said sadly. "That is the level we must obtain."

Records plummeted about the disjointed Scots: the first time they have conceded 50 points to any opponent, New Zealand's biggest victory against Scotland (overtaking the 40-15 win in Auckland in 1981) and their most substantial margin of success (previously the 30-3 win in the 1987 World Cup).

The game also proves the point about lies and statistics: in strict terms the lineout was shared. In hard, bruising truth Nicol could well have done without much of the inaccurate ball flicked, nudged or bobbled vaguely in his direction and that the scrum half kept going manfully towards the end and came close to scoring was greatly to his credit.

New Zealand knew what they were about from the start: they moved the dependable Jones to the back, established a superiority and then developed on Joseph while the Scots were wondering how best to compete. "England have to win ball from the touchline," Gavin Hastings concluded. "That's where the game can be won but it's not easy."

New Zealand's control there left Forster, who had a magnificent debut even if he did not score like his fellow initiates, Ellis and Wilson, able to dictate events like a carriage driver occasionally flicking a whip over his horses' ears. Not that Joseph, Brooke and the rest needed direction; they recycled ball endlessly.

The best news for England may be the injury to Cooper, who left the field with a strained adductor muscle. He kicked 75 per cent of his goals, which is Grant Fox-like standard, and the New Zealand management will ruminate on whether Wilson the Wonder Boy can kick goals with the same aplomb as he converted the last of his three tries.

His first try exposed Scotland's mistake in trying to turn Scott Hastings into a wing as the All Blacks made the perfect response to Gavin Hastings's first penalty. Indeed in the first half Scotland seemed best advised not to kick their goals, for every time they did New Zealand came back with a try and their 22-9 interval lead left Scotland with the knowledge that not once had they established a position within the opposing 22.

Not that it mattered when they did. The All Blacks attacked, as they had said they would, ball in hand from short range and long.

SCORERS: Scotland: Penalty goals: G Hastings (4), Chalmers. New Zealand: Tries: Wilson (3), Ellis (2), Brooke, Bunce Conversions: Cooper (4), Wilson Penalty goals: Cooper (2).
SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A G Stanger (Hawick), I C Jardine (Stirling County), A G Shiel (Melrose), S Hastings (Watsonians), C M Chalmers (Melrose), A D Nicol (Dundee HSFP); A G J Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), A P Burnell (London Scottish), D J McIvor (Edinburgh Academicals), D F Cronin (London Scottish), A E D Macdonald (Heriot's FP), R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), G W Weir (Melrose), D S Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP) replaced Chalmers (57 min), C D Hogg (Melrose), replaced Cronin (61), B W Redpath (Melrose) temporarily replaced Nicol (7-10), K M Logan (Stirling County) temporarily replaced A G Hastings (37-40)
NEW ZEALAND: J K R Timu (Otago); J W Wilson (Otago), F E Bunce (North Harbour), M J A Cooper (Waikato), V L Tuigamala (Auckland); M C G Ellis (Otago), S Forster (Otago), C Dowd (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland, captain), O M Brown (Auckland), J W Joseph (Otago), I D Jones (Northland), S B Gordon (Waikato), Z V Brooke (Auckland), A R B Pene (Otago) E Clarke (Auckland) replaced Cooper (77 min).
Referee: F Burger (South Africa)

MATCH FACTS

SCOTLAND 15 — NEW ZEALAND 51
Attendance: 37,500

TERRITORIAL ADVANTAGE
Scotland 24 mins — New Zealand 56 mins

POSSESSION ADVANTAGE
Scotland 21 mins — New Zealand 39 mins

SCRUMS

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
Scotland	9	6	0	0
New Zealand	11	5	0	4

LINEOUTS

	Award	Won	Void
Scotland	13	15	2
New Zealand	24	14	6

HALF BACKS

	Received	Run	Kick	Pass
Nicol	34	1	5	28
Forster	48	5	11	32
Chalmers/Wyllie	16	0	10	6
Ellis	33	6	10	11

KICKS AT GOAL

	Total	Con	Miss
G Hastings	6	4	2
Chalmers	1	1	0
Cooper	8	6	2
Wilson	1	1	0



Statistics compiled by Lindy9


Jones makes a two-handed lineout catch to demonstrate the control the All Blacks imposed as they routed Scotland at Murrayfield

Andrew ready for national service

Wasps	34
Bristol	8

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

SUCCESS in the higher echelons of sport rarely comes by accident: natural talent and hard work are essential. An innate sense of timing, both on the field of play and on the right occasion, also plays its part.

Rob Andrew showed he has mastered the latter in the Courage Clubs Championship match at Sudbury on Saturday, leaving nobody in doubt as to who should be wearing the No 10 jersey for England against the All Blacks next weekend.

A try, four conversions and two penalty goals were merely his numerical contribution to a match which could easily have deteriorated after little more than an indifferent first half. Thanks in the main to the Wasps backs, this was not the case. Only an upright, which Andrew hit with a penalty goal attempt from the ten-metre line, prevented a 100 per cent return from place kicks, but it was with the ball in the hand that he most threatened Bristol. His acceleration seems better than ever and he was never content just to set his backs in motion; time and again he looped round in search of an overlap.

With the back row of Greenwood, Ryan and White dominating the loose and committing their opposite numbers around the fringes of set scrums, and Bates giving as good as he got from Bracken at scrum half, Andrew had plenty of time to consider his options. Although his garryowens need minor adjustment, he invariably chose well.

On such a cold afternoon, it would have been understandable had he kept the game tight. But Andrew realised the need to involve his backs and Oti had his first run wide on the left in little more time than it took San Marino to open their account against England last Wednesday. Damian Hopley, who capped an impressive performance with a brace of tries, showed the form that was the talk of senior rugby a couple of years ago. Graham Childs was as efficient as ever alongside him in the centre, and Alan Buzza, another who was talked of in terms of extensive international honours when he left Cambridge University in 1990, will not have gone unnoticed by John Elliott, the visiting England selector.

Ten minutes after the interval, Wasps led 6-3; six minutes later and uncannily consistent with the arrival of the news that Bath had lost at Leicester, Buzza, sent clean through by Phil Hopley, and Damian Hopley after a sweeping move from their own 22, involving also Buzza and Childs, had added tries which Andrew converted.

After Tainton, who was uncharacteristically short of power, had missed two penalty attempts, Bracken flipped out a reverse pass wide on the left and made the ground necessary to finish the move in the right-hand corner, cutting the deficit to 20-8. Wasps, though, showed the tenacity that saw them home more than once last season and responded strongly with two tries in the last three minutes.

Almost inevitably, Andrew scored the first, his momentum carrying him across the line after he had soared through the static Bristol pack. Oti, as involved in the last minute as he was in the first, swept down the wing to create the second, finding Damian Hopley on hand to finish the job.

It was Andrew's hundredth game for Wasps, his 19 points taking him beyond 100 for the club in all matches this season. For the England No 10, it was that kind of afternoon.


Andrew: dominant

SCORERS: Wasps. Tries: Buzza D Hopley (2), Andrew Conversions: Andrew (4). Penalty goals: Andrew Bristol: Try: Bracken. Penalty goal: Tainton
WASPS: A Buzza, P Hopley, G Childs, D Hopley, C Oti; R Andrew, S Bates, G Holmes, K Dunn, J Probyn, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, S Shortland, M White, D Ryan.
BRISTOL: H Duggan, D John, A Savenmuffo, R Knibbs, B Whitehead, M Tainton, K Bracken, P Smith, M Regan, D Hinkins, J Pearson, A Blackmore, S Shaw, C Barrow, D Eves. Duggan replaced by M Nawad (24min)
Referee: S Lander (Liverpool).

Hennessy provides cold comfort

Newcastle Gosforth	9
London Irish	13

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NEWCASTLE Gosforth have reached the point of apparent breakdown. While not yet irretrievable, their relationship with the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship cannot survive the strain imposed by the feebleness they offered on Saturday.

The Sunbury bugler was in fine tune at Kingston Park. Instead of the "Rose of Tralee", however, a blast of reveille might have been more apt. A game of ineptitude could just be forgiven, but not the disdain shown by both sides. It was chilly, although hardly bitter enough to freeze out ambition altogether.

"Lose this one and we're down, 'Gossy'," a small boy bellowed. His mounting frustration was shared by all save his team, who bumbled along to the boot of Willcox, the stand-off half, whose misdirected line kicking wasted the efforts of Fowler and Arnold in winning some reasonable first-phase possession.

Time and again, the ball was thumped into the hands of London Irish, who were afflicted by the same wasteful instinct. When Corcoran, impossible as it seemed, mishit two penalty goals in two minutes from directly in front of the posts, Newcastle were handed a lifeline and promptly spurned it.

In praise of the home side, the match programme talked of the commitment and defensive qualities at Bath the previous week. As they were beaten 46-3, this looked on a bright side of life that seems to be fantasy. It was lack of collective effort that prompted a sixth league defeat that has left Newcastle, now three points adrift, hanging by a thread.

They did not appear capable of adding to a season's tally of only three tries. The Irish back row was usually around in sufficient force to snuff out the occasional hint of danger, but outside a workmanlike pack, there is little invention or incisiveness to worry opponents, even those as lacklustre as the Irish.

One moment of flair illuminated a barren afternoon. All options seemed to have been cut off when Jenkins smuggled the ball back on the half hour to Saunders, who popped up a speculative kick which Hennessy gathered in space. A couple of defenders flapped hopefully at the full back, who had an easy run to the left corner.

Corcoran, perversely, landed his most difficult kick to add the extra points. Burke assumed the place-kicking duties in the final quarter, with more success. Willcox's second penalty and a dropped goal were the home side's inadequate response. Unfortunately, Newcastle has only one miracle worker and he is across the city at St James' Park.


Corcoran: erratic

SCORERS: Newcastle Gosforth: Penalty goals: Willcox (2). Dropped goal: Willcox. London Irish: Try: Hennessy Conversion: Corcoran. Penalty goals: Burke (2).
NEWCASTLE GOSFORTH: D Bennett, T Penn, J Merrill, M Beattie, M White, T Willcox, S Douglas; M Fraser, N Frankland, P Vanzandvliet, B Chick, J Fowler, G Archer, J Nicholson, R Arnold
LONDON IRISH: R Hennessy, M Corcoran, S Burns, D Dooley, S Geoghegan, P Burke, R Saunders, N Donovan, R Kellam, G Halpin, P Collins, A Higgins, M Keenan, R Jenkins, A Verling
Referee: T Rossall (Liverpool).

☐ Gloucester claimed their first league win of the season in tremendous style with a 19-14 victory over Northampton on Saturday. They were down to 14 men after 20 minutes when the referee, Chris Rees, sent off the former Scottish international prop, Peter Jones, for stamping, but the dismissal seemed to inspire them.

Trailing 6-3 at half-time and 14-10 down midway through the second half, two penalties from Tim Smith and one from Ashley Johnson in the later stages ensured a much-needed victory. Andrew Deacon, the Gloucester prop, had a superb game and scored his side's try early in the second half. Northampton were hampered by the absence of their England flanker, Tim Rodber, who left the field with a shoulder injury after eight minutes.

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Bath's dominance of league under question after defeat at Welford Road

Leicester's surprise win enjoyed by chasing pack

Leicester 9
Bath 6

BY BRYAN STILES

BREWERS and rugby players alike raised their glasses to Leicester this weekend. The Midlands team were the toast of the clubhouse as they saved the Courage Clubs Championship from going as flat as stale beer with this hard-won victory at Welford Road on Saturday.

It was hardly a vintage brew of a match. More of a belch of unpalatable, gassy ale, but it proved that Bath are not the all-conquering team that many were suffering premature hangovers about. They had been lording it over the elite at the top of the first division table, with nothing seemingly able to prevent them picking up their fifth championship in six seasons.

The championship outcome had almost become a foregone conclusion, even at this early stage, which is the last thing an enterprising sponsor or rival team would have wanted. Leicester may have changed all that.

But before everybody gets too excited, it is worth recalling that Jack Rowell, the outstanding coach who has moulded Bath into their winning ways, did not think his team would get through the season without defeat. With more league games now being played because of the introduction of a home and away set-up, and with leading players subjected to ever-more representative games, he has argued that even the best teams are going to have off-days and it would be illogical to expect hundred per cent win records.

But there is no denying that the teams in the top half of the table are now feeling a lot merrier. Bath still head the championship, but their lead has been cut to two points. Leicester have moved into second place, Orrell, after their one-point victory over Harlequins on Saturday, and Wasps are well in the hunt.

As is so often the case at Welford Road, Richards provided the inspiration. The Leicester captain switched the emphasis at the start of the second half and plucked victory out of a difficult situation. In the first half Bath had looked the better side, with Ubogu punching big holes in the Leicester defence and with Barnes and Hill producing some fine tactical kicking.

Bath led 6-3 at the interval, with two penalties by Barnes in reply to one from Liley, who at that stage was not having a good game. Richards's decision to let his backs run at Bath at the start of the second half revitalised many of his players, particularly Liley and Rory Underwood, the England wing who was standing in at centre.

Underwood has not quite got the hang of a centre's duties yet — and I suspect he does not really care to — but he frightened the life out of the Bath defence a couple of times. As Leicester improved so Bath lost their composure, their tactical kicking became ragged even that from the otherwise admirable Barnes. They also spent most of the last twenty minutes defending against some wonderfully productive rolling mauls.

Harris took advantage and scored a dropped goal to level the scores. Then Bath cracked again, two defenders creeping offside in front of the posts and when Liley completed the formality of the penalty kick the 13,000 spectators thought it was all over.

But Barnes had the chance to level the scores in injury time. His penalty attempt was just off target, so the title race is on again. I'll drink to that.

SCORERS: Leicester: Dropped goal: Harris. Penalty goals: Liley (2). Bath: Penalty goals: Barnes (2).

LEICESTER: J Liley; J Hackney, S Hackney, R Underwood, S Potter, T Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, J Wells, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, D Richards.

BATH: A Lumsden; A Swift, P de Glanville, M Catt, M Lloyd; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, M Haag, M Redman, J Hall, D Egerton.

Referee: J Pearson (Durham).



PHIL O'BRIEN

De Glanville, the Bath centre, brings down Hackney, the Leicester wing, during their uncompromising Courage Clubs Championship match

McCarthy's mastery keeps Neath in touch

Neath 27
Llanelli 5

BY GERALD DAVIES

ONE moment can often encapsulate the trend of a match. It occurred 20 minutes into the second half, with Llanelli 20 points adrift. The league and cup winners last season were embarrassed into making a response to restore some respect.

They had shown positive signs here and there, but the lasting impression was of failure. Now they began mounting attacks, driving towards Neath's line and, out of the black morass, emerged McCarthy, the home side's stand-off half, near the touchline and somewhere near his own 22-metre line.

He shunted the ball upfield, on this occasion more in hope and relief than with much tactical purpose. It landed on the Llanelli 22, but instead of rolling helpfully into Llanelli hands, bounced at 90 degrees and directly into touch.

It was devastating. The visitors did not lift their heads after that, even though Moon scored a try. When a team is in the driving seat such things go its way, when a team is out of touch, so is its luck. Neath won decisively, with three goals and two penalties: Llanelli were lucky to get on the scoresheet.

Swansea are at the top of the first division for the first time this season, but they are only one point ahead of Neath, who are unbeaten and have a game in hand. Neath can feel pleased with their half-term results. They have beaten all three of their leading competitors, Swansea, Cardiff and now Llanelli.

What more could Neath ask? Just one thing, perhaps. They might wish that their fixtures are not so unbalanced. All their important victories have been at The Gnoll, so in the second half of the season matches upon which the championship is likely to depend will be away from home. They begin this upward climb on Saturday with a visit to Pontypridd.



Thorburn: on target

with whom they drew on the opening day of the season.

Neath's style never changes. They envelop a team with their commitment. All 15 play as if their lives depend on it. They all want to run. They never provide a dull game.

On Saturday, they dissected Llanelli, who had not previously lost a league game at The Gnoll, with precision. Anybody hoping to topple Neath must not succumb to their quick rhythm. Llanelli have always determined their own tempo and so usually frustrate Neath, but this time they failed.

Neath were allowed to play some devastatingly effective rugby. In McCarthy, they have a stand-off developing into maturity. Behind the rampaging and skilful pack, he makes the choices. It was his break, supported by the young and promising hooker, Barrie Williams, which led to the first try. With Thorburn converting this and kicking a penalty, they were comfortably in the lead at half-time. Llanelli who were prone to error, were punished. From one mistake, the home team mounted an overwhelming attack which produced a try for McCarthy. Thorburn converted this, kicked another penalty and converted Bridges's try.

Moon scored from a breakaway by Perego. But by this stage it hardly mattered. Neath were in the ascendant.

SCORERS: Neath: Tries: Shaw, McCarthy, Bridges. Conversions: Thorburn (3). Penalty goals: Thorburn. Llanelli: Try: Moon.

NEATH: P Thorburn, A Hames, A Shaw, H Woodland, R Rees, M McCarthy, C Bridges: Brian Williams, Barrie Williams, J Davies, M Morris, Glyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn (capt), A Varney, S Williams. Shaw replaced by S Crandon (34min), Morris replaced by I Boobyer (76).

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Wyn Jones, S Davies, N Davies, W Proctor; H Williams, R Moon (capt), R Evans, A Lamerton, H Williams-Jones, S Quinnell, P Davies, P John, M Perego, E Lewis. Moon replaced by H Harris (56).

Referee: G Simmonds (Cardiff).

Royals in need of a helping hand

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

VINCE Macauley Razaq has one advantage over the leadership of the two basketball teams immediately above Hemel Hempstead Royals in the Budweiser League. As coach of Hemel, he is unlikely to follow in the wake of Curtis Xavier and Karel Jelenik, who paid for a lack of success at Doncaster Panthers and Oldham Celtics by losing their jobs.

For Razaq is also the owner of Royals, who suffered their twelfth league defeat of the season, by 80-66, at his old club, London Towers, on Saturday. The only excuse for a cumbersome display by the team propping up the rest of the league was the suspension that kept out their tallest player, the 6ft 7in Mike Carty.

A relative novice at coaching, Razaq has an understandable determination to succeed but it may be to his club's detriment the longer he continues to ignore the presence of David Titmuss in the Hertfordshire town. The former England coach gave up his administrative duties with Thames Valley Tigers in the summer to join the probation service but now that he is no longer faced with the daily journey to Bracknell, Titmuss would probably have time to help coach Royals, a job he has done twice before.

Off court Razaq has done an excellent job, reflected in increased crowds. On court, however, the strain is telling. Roger Lloyd sat out much of the game on Saturday on three fouls after heated words with Razaq. Whatever the problem on Saturday, Richard Scantlebury (26 points) and Solomon Ayinla (18) helped themselves to the bulk of London's points. "We never got out of first gear," Razaq, who on Wednesday takes his Royals to Leicester Riders, the one team they have beaten this season, said. Leicester, 98-93 winners over Sunderland on Saturday, are unlikely to succumb a second time.

Much easier victories were recorded by the league leaders, Worthing Bears, who beat Doncaster 106-92, and two of their challengers. Manchester Giants by 116-89 against Birmingham Bullets and Guildford Kings by 115-60 at Oldham.

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WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS AND TABLES

International match

Scotland 15 New Zealand 51

Scotland: Pens: G Hastings 4, Chalmers. New Zealand: Tries: Wilson 3, Ellis 2, Brooke, Bunce. Cons: Cooper 4, Wilson. Pens: Cooper 2.

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Gloucester 19 Northampton 14

Gloucester: Try: Deacon Con: Johnson. Pens: Johnson 2, T Smith 2. Northampton: Try: Beal. Pens: Grayson 3

Leicester 9 Bath 6

Leicester: Pens: Liley 2. Dropped goal: Harris. Bath: Pens: Barnes 2.

Newcastle G 9 L Irish 13

Newcastle Gosforth: Pens: Wilcox 2. Dropped goal: Wilcox. London Irish: Try: Hennessy. Con: Corcoran. Pens: Burke 2.

Orrell 21 Harlequins 20

Orrell: Tries: Cleary, Morris. Con: Ainscough Pens: Ainscough 3. Harlequins: Try: Challinor, O'Leary Cons: Bray 2. Pens: Bray 2.

Wasps 34 Bristol 8

Wasps: Tries: Buzza, D Hopley 2, Andrew. Cons: Andrew 4. Pens: Andrew 2. Bristol: Try: Bracken. Pen: Tanton

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	7	6	0	1	190	76	12
Leicester	7	5	0	2	128	86	10
Harlequins ...	7	4	0	3	127	87	8
Orrell	7	4	0	3	131	114	8
Wasps	6	3	1	2	118	110	7
Northampton	7	3	0	4	112	128	6
Bristol	7	3	0	4	105	126	6
L Irish	6	3	0	3	69	93	6
Gloucester ...	7	1	2	4	92	130	4
Newcastle G.	7	0	1	6	73	195	1

LEADING SCORERS: 81: J Callard (Bath; 2 tries, 13 conversions, 15 penalty goals) 76: P Grayson (Northampton; 2t, 6c, 17pg; 1 dropped goal) 68: R Andrew (Wasps; 2t, 8c, 14pg). 54: K Bray (Harlequins; 3c, 16pg) 52: J Harris (Leicester; 5c, 8pg, 6dg). 48: M Tainton (Bristol; 6c, 12pg) 42: S Langford (Orrell; 3c, 12pg) 37: P Burke (London Irish; 2c, 10pg, 1dg). 35: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 1c, 11pg).

Second division

L Scottish 21 Nottingham 14

London Scottish: Tries: Eriksson, Walker Con: Wichary. Pens: Wichary 3 Nottingham: Try: Smallwood. Pens: Gregory 3.

Otley 3 Rugby 3

Otley: Dropped goal: Patyt. Rugby: Pen: Mapletoft

Sale 11 Wakefield 11

Sale: Try: Kennick. Pen: Jes. Dropped goal: Turner. Wakefield: Tries: Green. Pens: Liley 2.

Saracens 8 W Hartlepool 14

Saracens: Tries: Crawley. Pen: Tunningley. West Hartlepool: Try: Hodder. Pens: Stabler 2. Dropped goal: Hodder.

Waterloo 12 Moseley 5

Waterloo: Pens: Swindells 4. Moseley: Tries: Morris.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	7	6	1	0	161	80	13
Sale..... ..	7	4	1	2	114	44	9
Saracens ...	7	4	1	2	81	110	9
Wakefield.....	7	3	1	3	116	97	7
Waterloo	7	3	1	3	101	98	7
Otley	7	3	1	3	99	114	7
L Scottish. ...	7	3	0	4	76	82	6
Moseley	7	3	0	4	86	93	6
Rugby	7	2	1	4	67	122	5
Nottingham ...	7	0	1	6	77	128	1

LEADING SCORERS: 78: J Stabler (West Hartlepool; 1 try, 14 conversions, 15 penalty goals). 71: R Liley (Wakefield; 1t, 6c, 18pg). 64: G Gregory (Nottingham; 1t, 1c, 17pg, 2 dropped goal). 60: P Rutledge (Otley; 2t, 1c, 18pg). 57: M Mapletoft (Rugby; 4t, 5c, 9pg). 45: P Turner (Sale; 8c, 9pg). 42: T Tunningley (Saracens; 1t, 2c, 11pg). 40: S Swindells (Waterloo, 2c, 12pg). 38: A Kerr (Moseley; 4c, 10pg).

Third division

Coventry 24 Fylde 18

Coventry: Tries: Hickey 2, Douglas, Woodman. Cons: Lakey 2. Fylde: Tries: Gough, Hanavan, Taylor. Pen: Parker.

Havant 5 Rosslyn Park 22

Havant: Try: Knight. Rosslyn Park: Tries: R Hancocks-Taylor, Porter, Roblin. Cons: Roblin 2. Pen: Roblin

Morley 13 Richmond 27

Morley: Try: Erwnght. Con: Grayshon. Pens: Grayshon 2. Richmond: Tries: Hutton 2, Delle-Savine. Cons: Livesey 3. Pen: Livesey. Dropped goal: Banks.

Redruth 9 Exeter 20

Redruth: Pens: S Whitworth 2, Gomez. Exeter: Tries: Green 2. Cons: Green 2. Pens: Green 2.

Abandoned: Blackheath v Bedford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond ...	5	4	0	1	115	48	8
Bedford.....	4	4	0	0	82	41	8
Coventry	5	4	0	1	111	77	8
Fylde	5	3	0	2	81	66	6
Rosslyn Pk....	5	2	1	2	75	70	5
Exeter	5	2	1	2	76	96	5
Blackheath....	4	2	0	2	58	52	4
Morley	5	1	0	4	73	94	2
Havant	5	1	0	4	82	110	2
Redruth.	5	0	0	5	34	113	0

(Coventry; 4c, 3pg, 1dg); M Friday (Blackheath, 4t); B Wheatstone (Bedford; 4t); D Woodman (Coventry; 4t).

Fourth division

Broughton Pk	9	Plymouth	15
Clifton	41	Sudbury	10
Harrogate	22	Askeans	7
Leeds	17	Liverpool St H	9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clifton	5	4	1	0	128	51	9
Harrogate ...	5	3	1	1	86	59	7
Liverpool SH.	5	3	0	2	108	88	6
Leeds.....	5	3	0	2	92	87	6
Plymouth.....	5	3	0	2	75	115	6
Sheffield.....	4	2	0	2	84	34	4
Askeans.....	5	2	0	3	83	101	4
Broughton Pk	5	2	0	3	67	96	4
Sudbury	5	1	0	4	59	116	2
Aspatria	4	0	0	4	49	92	0

Postponed: Aspatria v Sheffield.

Fifth division north

Bradford	27	Winnington Pk	26
Lichfield	16	Kendal	8
Preston G	11	Hereford	3
Rotherham	37	Stoke-on-Trent	8
Walsall	12	Stourbridge	0

Postponed: Durham v Nuneaton.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Preston	4	4	0	0	59	34	8
Rotherham	4	2	1	1	97	55	5
Hereford.... ..	4	2	1	1	45	38	5
Winnington P	4	2	0	2	71	54	4
Walsall	3	2	0	1	34	24	4
Birmingham ..	3	2	0	1	39	33	4
Lichfield	4	2	0	2	49	47	4
Durham.....	3	1	1	1	42	35	3
Kendal	3	1	1	1	42	45	3
Bradford.....	3	1	0	2	53	56	2
Nuneaton.....	2	1	0	1	15	24	2
Stoke.....	4	1	0	3	49	80	2
Stourbridge...	4	0	0	4	28	98	0

Fifth division south

Berry Hill	14	Basingstoke	7
L Welsh	39	Weston-s-Mare	7
Lydney	23	Camborne	3
Met Police	13	Tabard	31
Southend	11	Reading	14

Postponed: Maidstone v North Walsham.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	4	4	0	0	88	17	8
Lydney	4	4	0	0	67	27	8
Tabard	4	3	1	0	85	40	7
H Wycombe..	3	2	0	1	36	52	4
L Welsh.....	4	1	1	2	57	44	3
N Walsham....	3	1	1	1	27	22	3
Barry Hill	4	1	1	2	25	46	3
Basingstoke	4	1	0	3	48	52	2
Camborne...	3	1	0	2	48	56	2
Southend.....	3	1	0	2	46	61	2
Weston-s-M..	4	1	0	3	30	67	2
Maidstone.....	3	1	0	2	19	57	2
Met Police.....	3	0	0	3	44	70	0

Holsten League

Bridgend 15 Dunvant 6

Bridgend: Tries: Webbe, Wintle. Con: Lewis. Pen: Lewis. Dunvant: Pens: Thomas 2.

Neath 27 Llanelli 5

Neath: Tries: Bridges, McCarthy, Shaw Cons: Thorburn 3. Pens: Thorburn 2. Llanelli: Try: Moon.

Newport 17 Newbridge 17

Newport: Try: Bidgood. Pens: Rees 4. Newbridge: Tries: Hawker, Lucas. Cons: Green 2. Pen: Green.

Pontypool 17 Cross Keys 3

Pontypool: Tries: Ring. Pens: Ring 2. Dropped goals: L Jones, M Taylor. Cross Keys: Pen: Fleet

Pontypridd 28 Aberavon 7

Pontypridd: Tries: Collins 2, Jenkins. Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 3.

Swansea 22 Cardiff 6

Aberavon: Try: Hutchinson. Con: Babb. Swansea: Tries: I Davies, S Davies, Gibbs. Cons: Williams 2. Pens: Williams. Cardiff: Pens: Davies 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swansea.....	11	10	0	1	248	130	20
Neath.....	10	9	1	0	248	123	19
Llanelli.....	11	9	0	2	278	155	18
Cardiff.....	11	8	0	3	415	98	16
Pontypridd....	10	6	1	3	237	159	13
Bridgend.....	10	4	1	5	187	191	9
Dunvant	10	4	0	6	125	232	8
Newport.....	11	3	1	7	167	276	7
Newbridge	10	3	1	6	154	175	7
Aberavon	11	2	1	8	131	244	5
Pontypool	11	2	0	9	149	394	4
Cross Keys...	10	0	0	10	119	291	0

Second division

Abertillery	47	Penarth	3
Ebbw Vale	8	S Wales Police	20
Glamorgan W	0	Narberth	23
Llandovery	22	Llanharan	15
Mt Ash	0	Treorchy	18
Tenby Utd	3	Maesteg	5

Insurance Corporation League

Cork Constitution	23	Greystones	6
Garryowan	11	Dungannon	16
Old Wesley	16	Lansdowne	9
Wanderers	21	Young Munster	6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dungannon...	5	3	0	2	91	65	6
Cork Cons	5	3	0	2	81	57	6
Blackrock C..	3	3	0	0	92	30	6
Greystones ...	4	3	0	1	51	48	6
Shannon	4	2	0	2	49	94	4
Garryowan ...	4	2	0	2	60	82	4
Old Wesley ...	5	2	0	3	56	72	4
Wanderers	3	1	0	2	44	49	2
Lansdowne..	3	1	0	2	52	61	2
St Mary's Col	4	1	0	3	52	73	2
Y Munster	5	1	0	4	55	100	2

Second division

Ballina	6	Old Belvedere	19
Ballymena	11	Sunday's Well	22
Dolphin	13	Galwegians	9
Malone	8	Instonians	6
Old Crescent	32	Bangor	20

CLUB MATCHES: Birmingham 16, High Wycombe 19; Loughborough Students 7, Cambridge University, 13.

American college giants overturned

BOSTON College scored the biggest upset of the American college football season on Saturday by beating Notre Dame, the top-ranked team, 41-39 on the last play on a 41-yard field goal by David Gordon.

The result ended Notre Dame's 17-game winning sequence, including ten victories this season, and may have ruined their national championship hopes. On the previous Saturday, Notre Dame held on for a 31-24 victory over Florida State, then ranked No 1, in a contest called "the game of the year".

This was better. Boston College, which has eight wins and two defeats, dominated Notre Dame through three quarters and led 38-17 in the fourth. But Kevin McDougal rallied Notre Dame to three touchdowns in less than nine minutes to give his side the lead for the first time. He hit Lake Dawson with a four-yard touchdown throw on fourth down for what came close to being the deciding points.

Boston College took over on their ten-yard line and the quarterback, Glenn Foley, engineered an eight-play drive that moved into field-goal range. Despite a stadium full of noisy, hostile supporters at South Bend, Indiana, Gordon was perfect with his 41-yarder. Foley completed 30 of 48 passes for 315 yards and four touchdowns. He connected with Pete Mitchell 13 times for 132 yards to avenge a 54-7 rout at the hands of Notre Dame last season.

"Their quarterback is great," McDougal said of Foley. "I can't say enough about him."

The Boston College coach, Tom Coughlin, who turned down a chance to coach the New York Giants this season, said: "It's two different years and two different teams. We're a better team than we were last year. Our kids made a great effort. You couldn't have had a better finish."

Notre Dame's defeat left the national championship picture as clouded as it has been all season. Only one team finished the season unbeaten and untied, Auburn, which beat Alabama 22-14 on Saturday. Auburn are on probation and are not eligible to play in one of the a post-season bowl games that determine the final rankings.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 009630 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF THE IDEAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE IDEAL BENEFIT SOCIETY
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 4th day of October 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice by the above-named The Ideal Insurance Company Limited (hereinafter called "Ideal") for:
(1) the sanction under Section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 to a Scheme (the "Scheme") providing for the transfer to The Ideal Benefit Society (hereinafter called the "Society") of the whole of the long term business business carried on by Ideal; AND
(2) an Order making ancillary provision in connection with the said transfer under Section 50 of the said Act.
Copies of the Petition, the Scheme and a report by an independent actuary in pursuant of the said Section 49 may be inspected at the offices specified in the Schedule hereto during usual business hours for a period of 21 days from the publication of this Notice.
The Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 8th December 1993 and any person, including any employee of Ideal or the Society, who claims to be adversely affected by the Scheme may appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 16th day of November 1993.
ALSOP WILKINSON
6 Dowgate Hill
London EC4R 2SS
Solicitors for the Company

No. 009662 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
In Registrar Buckley
IN THE MATTER OF SUTCLIFFE, SPEAIGMAN PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 10th November 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (a) the reduction of the share capital of the Company from £7,783,786.98 to £5,420,004.65 by the cancellation of each of the 5 issued Deferred Shares of the Company having a nominal value of £900,057.82, £697,793.77, £372,156.48, £224,006.30 and £139,867.98 respectively and (b) the cancellation of the sum of £4,221,660 from the share premium account of the Company.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday, 8th December 1993.
Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account and share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 16th day of November 1993.
ALSOP WILKINSON
6 Dowgate Hill
London EC4R 2SS
Solicitors for the Company

In the matters of Dryfalms Limited
Abrend Banking and Furniture Limited
Abrend Accessories Limited
Humber Contract Interiors Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, L.B.R.A. Callaghan of Chantrey Vellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, give notice that on 16 November 1993, I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named companies, which are being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 15 December 1993 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned B.R.A. Callaghan of Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London, WC1B 5LF, the Liquidator of the said companies, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 16 November 1993
B.R.A. Callaghan, Liquidator.

No. 005705 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
MR REGISTRAR BUCKLEY
IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES BAYNES plc
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice dated the 27th day of October 1993, confirming the cancellation of £33,295,685 standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company, was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 16th day of November 1993.
Travers Smith Braithwaite
10 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2AL
Dated the 16th day of November 1993
Solicitors for the Company

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up Members
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1677131
Name of company: Fine Art Petworth Plc. Nature of business: Art Dealers. Address of registered office: 29/30 Fitzroy Square, London W1P 5HH. Type of Liquidation: Members Voluntary. Liquidator: J S F Bennett Goodman Jones 29/30 Fitzroy Square London W1P 5HH. Office Holder No: 8395. Date of appointment: 11 November 1993. By whom appointed: The Contributories.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
WALTER CLARKE LIMITED
Registered number: 402658.
Nature of business: Wholesale grocers. Trade classification: 12.
Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 12 November 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Richard Copp and Geoffrey Stuart Kinton (office holder nos: 1788 and 6268). Address: Stag Hayward 8 Baker Street London W1M 1DA.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
I, MARK WINTER who has resided for the past six months at 10 Downs Road, London SW12 9LQ and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Restaurateur DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of SOUTH WESTMINSTER to be held at Westminster Council House, Marylebone Road, London NW1 on TUESDAY the 7th day of December 1993 at 10.45 a.m. in the forenoon for the grant to ME of a Justices' On Licence (Subject to Conditions) authorising ME to sell by retail at the premises situate at 22-25 Dean Street, London W1 in the said Licensing Division intended to be known as Mr Winter's Bar. DATED this 8th day of November 1993
M. WINTER

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of Brent sitting at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London NW10 2DZ.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Kilburn Police Station, 38 Salusbury Road, Kilburn, London NW6 6NN.
WE, JOHN BARRETT, THOMAS MICHAEL BARRETT and JOSEPH KEVIN BARRETT all of 239 Cricklewood Broadway, Cricklewood, London N.W.2. hereby give you notice that we intend to apply to the said Licensing Justices at the Transfer Sessions to be held at The Court House, Church End, 448 High Road, Willesden, London, N.W.10. on the 7th day of December 1993 for a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the licensed premises situate at 239 Cricklewood Broadway, Cricklewood, London N.W.2. and known as BARRETTS.
DATED this 8th day of November 1993
Solicitors of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD.
Solicitors and Agents for the Applicants.

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PROVISION OF SECURITY SERVICES AT SUNNINGDALE PARK

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Mr N Manning
Civil Service College
Sunningdale Park,
Larch Avenue, Ascot,
Berkshire. SL5 0QE.

Completed questionnaires must be received by 10 December 1993.

PUBLIC NOTICES

TO: ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
WE, RICHARD KEITH WILLIAMS who has resided for the past six months at 111/113 Camden High Street, Camden Town, London NW1 and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of General Manager and GREGORY VINCENT JOHNATHAN FISHER who has resided for the past six months at Flat 3, 260 Colney Hatch Lane, Muswell Hill, London N10 1BD and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Manager HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Sessions for the Licensing Division of SOUTH WESTMINSTER to be held at Westminster Council House, Marylebone Road, London NW1 on TUESDAY the 7th day of December 1993 at 10.45 a.m. in the forenoon for the grant to US of a Special Hours Certificate under Section 77 of the Licensing Act 1964 for the premises situate at 83-85 Wardour Street, London W1V 3TG and known as The "O" Bar.
AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that if such a Certificate is granted, Section 76 of the said Act will apply to the said premises from the 7th day of DECEMBER 1993.
11 November 1993
R. Williams and G. Fisher

CHAWTON DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED
(In Compulsory Liquidation)
Principal Trading Address: Upper Berdons House, Liongrish, Nr. Petersfield, Hants. GU32 1EJ.
Company Number: 02420505
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 7 October 1993, D L Morgan was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (compulsory winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to the liquidator at the following address under reference: ACT/MJP.
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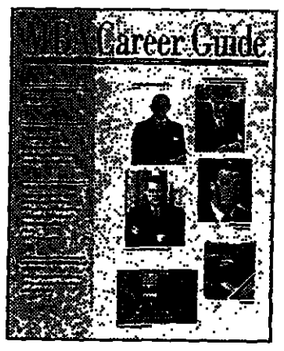
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EDUCATION

When tragedy strikes a school

How do pupils and staff cope with a disaster like that at Hagley? David Tytler visits another school traumatised by sudden death


CARL RUTHERFORD

Frank McNamara, the head of Barnard Castle School, where pupils, staff and parents learnt the value of grieving together when faced with sudden bereavement

Violent, sudden death came to Hagley Roman Catholic High School last week when 12 children and their teacher were killed in a motorway accident. Hagley became a school in shock as the immediate grief of the parents spread to the staff and pupils. John Moore, the chaplain of Barnard Castle School, County Durham, describes the state as "corporate grief".

Hagley will feel that its agony is unique, but other schools have had their share of pain and Mr Moore speaks from experience. On a Sunday in September last year a 17-year-old pupil from Barnard Castle killed himself by jumping off a balcony in the school's central hall, having cut his wrist, taken paracetamol tables and drunk a bottle of wine.

Just over a year later, the school is still coming to terms with the loss. Any small incident can still open the wounds in both staff and pupils, who were all in a state of shock in the days after the death. Hagley's first reaction was to hold a special mass in place of the regular Thursday morning celebration. The chaplain and the chaplain played a similar central role at Barnard Castle.

Counselling was offered to all pupils in both schools as routine was gradually reimposed. Children were allowed to express their emotions. David Ewart, second master at Barnard Castle, who worked closely with Mr Moore, says: "We all learnt that it is quite acceptable to show emotion and the stiff upper lip which might have existed in some schools and which might have been encouraged did not exist."

All schools are used to dealing with difficult pastoral duties, such as telling children of the sudden death of a relative, but there is little guidance to help with tragedies like those at Hagley and Barnard Castle.

That Barnard Castle coped as well is, therefore, all the more remarkable. It is perhaps even more remarkable that staff and pupils were prepared to talk openly before the Hagley accident about their feelings and actions in the hope that the lessons they learnt might help others.

There may be no guidelines, but a system for dealing with emotional distress and practical needs began to function within minutes of the death, as the initial confusion was brought under control. Even before the formalities were completed, Mr Ewart set up a support system for pupils.

An added problem was that the head, Frank McNamara, was on his way to the annual meeting of the Headmasters' Conference in Bruges. Mr McNamara returned to school, alerted by a loudspeaker message just as he was about to board the ferry.

Mr Ewart has a clear memory of all that happened on the day of the tragedy: "A group of boys were first on the scene and told us what they had seen. The chaplain went to the hall and the school doctor and police were called immediately. Nothing was touched."

Once the immediate needs had been met, Mr Ewart had to consider the pupils in school and the others who were returning all the time, some with their parents, after a weekend away. Senior boys were posted at the school gates to give the news first-hand.

"We called the children to the chapel", Mr Ewart says, "and the chaplain explained what had happened. Everybody was in a considerable state of shock but I was concerned that I did not neglect essential details and did everything in a logical order. Those pupils who clearly demonstrated severe shock were identified and sent to the sanitorium where Jean Slimon, the resident sister, was on duty.

"I was also aware that I, too, was in an intense state of shock, as were other members of the staff. I have sometimes had doubts about the prefectorial system but one of the monitors (prefects) put his arm round me and said 'you are having a hell of a time'. That is a memory that will always remain with me."

The first lesson was already being learnt: it was important to keep the whole school community of pupils, parents and all the staff informed as the facts became available so that rumours and hearsay could not develop. The reasons for the suicide remain unknown and the school has been helped by the fact that there was never any suggestion of bullying or other school pressures on the boy.

> 'We all learnt that it is quite acceptable to cry'

Mark Fuller, the boy's housemaster, says: "There was nothing to hide and I kept the whole house informed as much as possible. When I came back from the inquest, for example, I told them all that had happened, not just the result. They had been so close, so involved, it was right that they should know."

Mr Ewart knew that the school had to go on functioning whatever else was happening — such as police interviews and investigations. "I had to ensure that the school maintained some kind of routine, the children had to be fed and got to bed. I finally left at between two and three in the morning when I felt I could not take any more. But there were many of us who could not sleep."

Sometime during the night or early morning, and unknown to staff, some boys had gone into the school grounds and picked leaves and flowers which they had arranged in a cross they placed on the large round table in the middle of central hall. During the day the area developed into an instant shrine with flowers and handwritten verses and tributes being added. The chaplain had some concerns but in discussion with the head decided that everything should stay to be removed immediately after the funeral.

On his return to school, Mr McNamara called a whole school assembly, including the 300 day pupils, to bring them up to date. The chapel and the sanitorium became the points of refuge where pupils could talk to each other and to staff. "If we were wanted, we made ourselves available," Mr Ewart says.

Meanwhile, life had to go on. The term had just started and the new pupils were largely untouched by what had happened. A balance between their needs and those of senior pupils, day and boarding had to be reached.

This was when the second lesson was learnt: the school would also need outside help. The chaplain approached a local group of Anglican monks, the Society of St Francis, who had assisted with pre-confirmation classes. They sent Brother Alan Michael, a young Franciscan working in Glasgow.

Brother Alan says that it is useful to have an outsider for people to turn to. In particular, some of the day pupils were very angry and thought that the boarders and staff, many of whom were in tears as they went about the school, were over-dramatising what had happened.

Brother Alan was able to help the staff as well as the boys because the one question the school had not addressed was "who counsels the counsellors?". The local social services department also offered the services of a consultant psychiatrist. However, only a few pupils were referred to him.

John Moore, the school chaplain for 20 years, says: "The big thing was dealing with the living and with a great deal of corporate grief. There were 18-year-old boys in tears and we had people far more traumatised than we had imagined."

If any good can be said to have come out of the tragedy it is that staff and pupils were drawn closer together and that valuable lessons in how to offer mutual suppport and to deal with grief were learnt. James Nattrass, an 18-year-old who knew the dead boy, says: "It brought us together as a community."

MBAs put students on a fast track

Going to the head

WHEN the first products of South Bank University's MBA (Education) course graduated last week, the advantages were already obvious. Three of the 20 students had acquired headships since starting the course.

The course is one of a growing number of "bespoke" MBAs running in British universities. Keele and Sheffield have followed South Bank in offering a specialist qualification for teachers and educational administrators, and there are equivalents in a variety of other fields.

There has been no shortage of applicants for any of the four intakes at South Bank. The arrival of local management of schools and opting out, the competitive world of independent schools, new management opportunities in further education and added complexity in university administration have all ensured that there is a market.

Most of the first intake came from state schools, although other intakes have included a deputy director of a Church of England diocesan board of education and a senior inspector of a London education authority. In the latest group, half of the students come from local authorities, colleges or universities.

Barbara Gowland, who runs the course, says: "People do it because they are bright and ambitious, and want to get on, so perhaps it is not surprising that three have got headships. But they did say this gave them the confidence to go for promotion."

Few would have taken the more theoretical, policy-related MEd, or the general MBAs run by South Bank and other institutions. Some were also attracted by the £1,800-a-year fees, which are set lower than the general MBA in deference to the relatively low salaries in education.

Most students, who are expected to have an honours degree and professional experience, partly in a managerial role, pay their own way through the two-year part-time course, although a few are sponsored by their employers. They face a four-hour evening session each week, with about eight hours a week additional study time.

JOHN O'LEARY

Two opinions from different fields of education on why we should not take school league tables too seriously

A field day for advice

League tables are certainly a matter of academic debate among heads of secondary schools at this time of year.

But are they really helpful and do *parents* take them seriously? Or will they continue to select schools on a wider basis of reputation, on the advice of the head of their child's primary school?

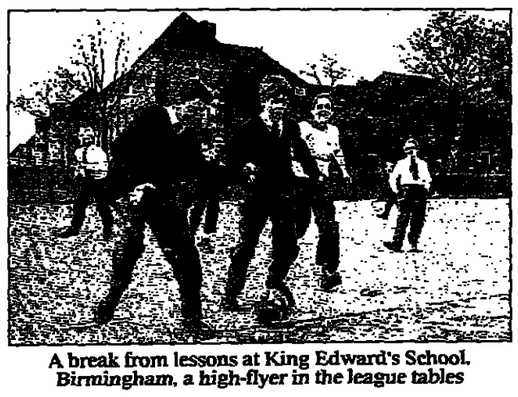
Judging from research into parental choice conducted by the Independent Schools Information Service and by others such as the Centre for Educational Research, the charts of how highly parents rate various influencing factors show two peaks:exam results and reputation. Not surprisingly, *one report* showed that almost a third of parents found exam statistics confusing and difficult to understand. To find their way through the maze, most parents turn to teachers for guidance.

As head of a prep school, I see it as an important function of heads of feeder schools to offer advice to parents on the transfer to secondary school. So, when the newspaper league tables are published, do I sit down and check out the "winners" and "losers" from the schools to whom we regularly supply pupils?

Frankly, what matters more to me — and I suspect to parents — is the overall reputation of the schools to which we send our children.

Measure for measure, I prefer to use a yardstick that has proved very reliable over the years to gauge the suitability of each school for each pupil. Decimalisation may have changed the money in my pockets, but I still think of my weight in stones and pounds, and my height in feet and inches.

Reputation does include academic record, but it includes so much more. Ever-improving relationships between ourselves and secondary schools enable us to build up more complete pictures of a range of schools to which our children will transfer.


A break from lessons at King Edward's School, Birmingham, a high-flyer in the league tables

By attending matches, plays and concerts we gain information about sporting, drama and music standards. Letters from our former pupils will tell us more about pastoral care in their new school than a 32-page prospectus.

> Pupils' letters tell more than prospectuses

Many schools today provide "sampler" days, open days and trial "live-in" weekends at boarding schools. Senior pupils return to their former junior schools to relate first-hand experience to those about to leave. Junior pupils attend athletics meetings, sports coaching, orchestral rehearsal courses and science days, on the campuses of senior schools, at their invitation.

Many feeder schools invite secondary schools to exhibitions to enable parents to meet them, to question and compare. At my school we take parents to see the schools of their choice.

Such is the stuff that school reputations are built upon. Such is the information carefully collected by heads, providing the fullest possible pictures of each senior school to offer to parents beleaguered by league tables.

As well as the schools' own prospectuses and brochures, there are whole sections of books in reference libraries on both state schools and private schools. Alongside the educational guidebook industry, newspapers, radio and television are increasingly interesting themselves in the more positive activities of the next generation of their readers, listeners and viewers.

Education has become much more a part of the national debate, so that parents generally are likely to be more aware of educational issues and hence more capable of deciding what schools are best for their children, without the need for tables.

To someone like Dr Johnson, tables were things constructed by carpenters, rather than government education departments and journalists. But I think that Boswell shows that he would have been sympathetic to the views of headmasters like myself: "You may scold a carpenter who has made you a bad table, though you cannot make a table. It is not your trade to make tables."

JOHN CLARK

Cutting school is not a crime

Of course children should go to school, but should they be made to? Should schooling be compulsory? If compulsory, should such compulsion be enforced? If enforced, how, and with what penalties for failure to comply?

Truancy has been much in the news. Dennis O'Keeffe on this page last Monday outlined the statistics of truancy and how they are arrived at. He described blanket truancy, meaning not turning up at school at all, and the much more prevalent post-registration truancy, meaning signing on for registration and then bunking-off selected lessons.

When I was special advisor at the Department of Education, officials denied there was such a thing as truancy, and if there was it couldn't be measured. I and others persisted in the argument that, at the very least, if the taxpayer was putting all this money into schools, then surely the children should be at their desks to receive the teaching provided. As Director of the Education Unit, I published the first, privately funded research by O'Keeffe and Stoll as a booklet entitled *Officially Present*; at that time no one else would publish the results. It showed there was truancy, it was extensive, and it was largely highly sophisticated picking and choosing by the pupils between "worthwhile" lessons and those that could be missed. The remedy was clear: improve the quality of the lessons. The recent, much more extensive, DFE funded research confirms and amplifies those initial findings.

Then, last Wednesday, the department published its league tables of schools, including a measure of truancy or "unauthorised absence". Since unauthorised absence can be most liberally interpreted; since many schools have no idea whether any absence is authorised or not, and who cares; and since these tables are based upon the schools themselves admitting or not the extent of truancy in their own school, these national truancy figures are almost meaningless.

There are some children who effectively leave school well before the age of 16: there are more who miss a few days or even weeks each term; and there are very many more who purposely miss certain lessons. In all of these surveys, and at a recent conference on truancy, no one asked the fundamental question, "should they be compelled to go to school anyway?". If so, who should do the compelling, the school, parents, the state?

VIEWPOINT



STUART SEXTON

By all means make schools so attractive that children will want to go to school. Raise the quality of teaching where needed so that not only is the English literature or the chemistry interesting and worthwhile, but is so taught as to grip the attention.

But should the doors to the school be locked to keep the children in, as some schools do in New York? And what of clocking-in and clocking-off? At the conference on truancy I was horrified to find commercial stalls selling entry devices in which each pupil had to insert a magnetic strip card every time he or she went in and out. We have ways of making you learn — or have we?

Government provides schools with taxpayers' money and does everything it can to encourage children to attend and to learn. Schools do everything they can to attract and retain pupils. Little cajoling is needed for the pupil to attend the lesson of the really good teacher, whatever the subject. Parents are bombarded with propaganda to the effect that their children will benefit in later life from school education. But if, in spite of all of that, in spite of the publicity, the league tables, the research and the reports, children fail to attend lessons, or some lessons, should such absence be a criminal offence? Should we drag them from home, or put them into care? Is attendance at school to be compelled by law with penalties on the parents and/or the pupils for failure to comply?

No, that is state paternalism gone mad. In my view it should not be a criminal offence on either pupil or parent if, after plenty of encouragement and ample provision, the child still fails to attend school. There should be no fines or care orders. We should not strive excessively to get them into school. The prime responsibility for the education of a child lies with the parent or guardian, not the state. By all means be answerable to God for failing to fulfil that parental duty, but to the courts? To the politicians? No.

From this analysis it follows that, whilst we want all children to attend school at least between the ages of five and 16, and Sir Claus Moser would say three to 18, schooling should not be compulsory and the relevant legislation should be repealed. Truancy wouldn't be fun anymore.

● The feature "Are boys bad for the girls?", published on October 25, referred to the coeducational Stamford High School, in Ashton-under-Lyne, and not Stamford High School, in Lincolnshire, which remains an all-girls' school.



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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on the British premiere of *Perestroika* at the National

Angels lose their direction

The first part of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America* at the Cottesloe left us with characters trapped in fixes, holes, pretty passes and awful pickles. Roy Cohn, Washington's all-purpose Mr Fixit, was still aggressively refusing to admit the homosexuality that had brought him Aids. His protégé, the Mormon lawyer Joe Pitt, had nervously emerged from the closet, further disorienting his Valium-popping wife, Harper. Most disconcertingly of all, a large angel had just appeared over the bed in which Prior Walter, deserted by his lover Louis, was dying of Aids. "Greetings prophet," she intoned. "The great work begins."

Seldom can a falling curtain have left expectation more sensationally aroused. Moreover, *Millennium Approaches*, as he titled the opening half of his "gay fantasia on national themes", went on to fill Kushner's pockets with brass and his shelves with bronze: a Pulitzer Prize, a Tony Award, and much else. His sequel would have to reach *Odyssey*-like heights if it was not to disappoint those who admired his American *Iliad*.

That, sadly, it fails to do, though it begins promisingly enough. A blind old Bolshevik dodders up to a podium, where he laments the defeat of marxist idealism and the triumph of rock videos and cheeseburgers. "Show me the next beautiful theory and these eyes will see again," adds this Soviet Teiresias for the benefit of those who have not yet got the drift. The play will, it seems, be about change, the collapse of systems, and the failure of any credo to fill the void.

Cut to Prior's neo-Gothic sickbed, with the same angel again telling him that "the messenger has arrived", but this time getting a "go away" in reply. This sets off a series of scenes in which the Aids victim tramps Manhattan in a black hat and a long black overcoat. At times he seems meant to evoke the Jonah who refused God's call to go to Nineveh, at others the Jacob who wrestled an angel. But here as elsewhere the feeling grows that Kushner has a hazy idea of his material's significance.

The mix is as before: Aids, dreams, rumination about the state of America during the period of the action, here 1986 to 1990. The main characters are the same, too, giving the play the feel of an apocalyptic soap or upmarket *Twilight Zone*. Cohn (a baleful, dough-faced David Schofield replacing Henry Goodman) retires to hospital, attended by the vindictive ghost of the woman he destroyed, Susan Engel's Ethel Rosenberg. He rages at his gay black nurse (a wonderfully wry Joseph Mydell), wangles himself a supply of AZT, gets disbarred, dies as rancorously as he lived, and ends up offering his skills to the denizens of Hell.

Though we learn little new about him, the play comes ebulliently to life whenever Cohn is on stage. That is less true of the other characters. Daniel Craig's Joe tries to convert Jason Isaacs's Louis to Reaganism in bed, a doomed endeavour if ever there was one. Claré Holman's Harper gets ever pottier, and then, with the exit of her husband, a bit saner. Stephen Dillane's Prior — a fine, tense performance — precariously survives the plague. He has a sneak preview of Heaven, a sort of surreal San Francisco, before returning to New York to offer a valedictory tribute to life and living.

Director Declan Donnellan proves as adept at integrating the play's oddball styles as he was in *Millennium Approaches*, which is revived, somewhat recast, in tandem with this new production. When it comes to clarifying its meaning, he is understandably less successful. For instance, we are presumably supposed to contrast the angel who appeared to Joseph Smith in 1830, and sent him and his Mormon followers bravely across the American wilderness, with the angel who appears here in black describing herself as a bird of prey. Each of them, we are told, is a "belief with wings and arms that can carry you". But the demands the newer of the two is making on Prior remain inscrutable.

Perestroika does not add enough to *Millennium Approaches* to justify its three-and-a-half hour length. But there are pluses. It is strongly acted and it does at times catch the confusions of the era. It may be cautiously recommended to millenarians with long attention spans.

BILL HEWISON



TELEVISION

Into the future with the ultimate creep

To Play The King
BBC1

THE drama series event of 1990 was *House of Cards*, but the temptation to make even promising sequels should usually be resisted. Usually, but not this time. *To Play The King* promises to be another cracker, a terrific yarn of witty political intrigue featuring Francis Urquhart, a ballbearing of a character in that he is covered in oil and hard as a diamond.

Ian Richardson again plays the creepy creature, by now become prime minister. His asides to camera helped make *House of Cards* what it was and the device works again, not least because both series use it sparingly and the asides are ruthlessly edited to maintain the plot's momentum.

To Play The King is set in the future. Urquhart opens the first episode by saying: "Remember that nice man who wanted a classless society? He had to go, of course." So it is not that far in the future. A king is on the throne, a man obsessed with the shape of buildings and have-nots living in cardboard boxes (who on earth can this be?)

Urquhart, for whom cardboard-box living is at most a problem related to obstructing the pavement, will have no truck with a politicised king who has his own gymnasium and a black assistant to focus his thinking on minority issues. The king is divorced from the yah-brill Princess Stephanie (who on earth can this be?) so Urquhart hatches a plot which is intended, presumably, to apply a little leverage to the monarch.

The chief whip is sent to see the princess, along with a man introduced as the "chairman of *The Times*". Said chairman will give the princess £100,000 a year for the rest of her life in exchange for the inside story on her marriage, which he will "bury", so to speak, until she is dead.

As with *House of Cards*, the combination of the original Michael Dobbs books and another taut screenplay by Andrew Davies ensures plenty of plot-thickening ingredients and sardonic one-liners, as when a beauty-with-brains opinion pollster is brought in to assure Urquhart that the answers to poll questions are "whatever you want them to be".

One thing that has not changed in this version of the future is that the Conservatives are still running the country. It could hardly be otherwise, for Urquhart is a man designed for power or obscurity but nothing in between. He is also, it now emerges, anti-monarchist in so far as there can only be one winner in a power battle between the monarch and himself. "I will destroy the lot of them," he tells his wife. The nature of such a battle is a fascinating prospect. Last night, Urquhart has a draft speech by the king rewritten, only for the king to ignore the rewrite and deliver the original. Still, this is fiction and set in the future. So that's all right.

> 'Urquhart is a character covered in oil and hard as a diamond'

Which is more than can be said for the ridiculous publicity bonanza generated by Melvyn Bragg, who appears to have read into the script a suggestion that Prince Charles sends out for prostitutes. The actual exchange between two of the King's aides is as follows: "He's not sent out for anyone?"; "He hardly ever does that now."

For all I know this could be a reference to anything from doner kebabs to Sloane Rangers. Whatever it is, the series hardly needs this kind of publicity.

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OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** applauds an ENO triumph with Wagner's *Lohengrin*

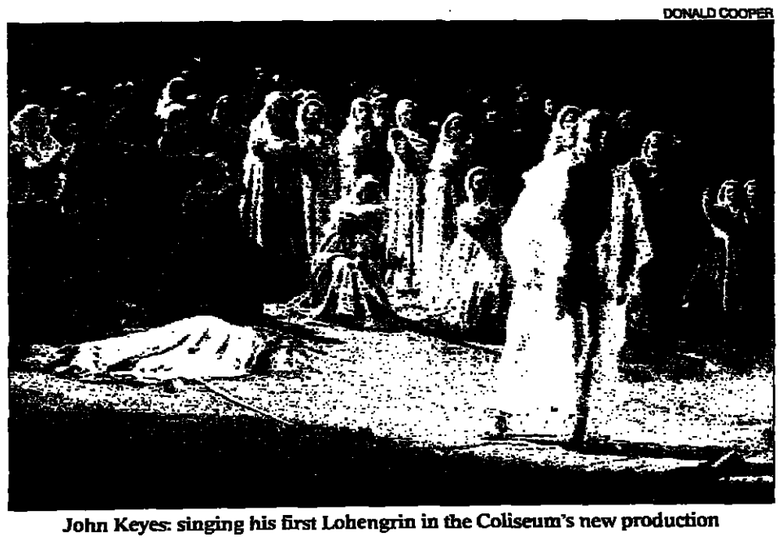
More chills and thrills

Wagner's last pre-*Ring* opera has enjoyed two outstanding productions in London: the Haitink-Moshinsky at Covent Garden in 1977, and now Saturday's at the ENO, conducted by Mark Elder, produced by Tim Albery, and designed by Hildegard Bechtler (sets) and Nicky Gillibrand (costumes).

Does *Lohengrin* deserve all this? I suppose so, but my goodness the composer does go on: there were moments ("and furthermore the king has proclaimed . . .") even in so persuasively paced a performance as Elder's when one secretly longed for Peter Brook, famous for his Procrustean attitude to operas that don't actually need cutting, to turn his attentions to early Wagner.

There's something unsettling about the creepy spell the work has cast on wonky people from poor King Ludwig II onwards, including Hitler, and it is impossible to erase from the memory the use Leni Riefenstahl made of the Prelude as accompaniment to the Führer's aeroplane descending through the clouds over Nuremberg at the beginning of *Triumph of the Will*.

DONALD COOPER



John Keyes: singing his first Lohengrin in the Coliseum's new production

More than unsettling is the third-act interlude, for which ENO placed four extra brass groups around the auditorium: the Coliseum has not witnessed so chilling a demonstration of fascism-in-music since Nicholas Hytner's unforgettable *Rienzi*, but in the latter case the intention was satirical. Add the strain of latent misogyny, and you have an opera to be negotiated with as much caution as you would the minefields of the Kuwait-Iraq border.

The above-mentioned lapse apart, the Coliseum team negotiates it with supreme tact. The secret of Elder's success is that he approaches the piece via its roots in early German romantic opera, from Weber and Marschner, not retrospectively from the mature music-dramas.

If you treat *Lohengrin* as if it were *Parsifal* it can sound even more cumbersome than it is, but Elder pressed forward without appearing to, keeping even the lumbering second act on the move, drew superbly fine-textured and expressive playing from the orchestra, and accompanied the meticulously prepared soloists with proper consideration — a great deal of Amanda Holden's clear and poetic new translation came across. A lusty choral contribution is essential to the success of any *Lohengrin* and the ENO chorus, lightly augmented and clearly enjoying itself, has never sounded better.

Visually the evening is austere almost to a fault, but far rather that than Neuschwanstein-kitsch. The first act is seen almost entirely in terms of black and white, making the bright ochres, terracottas and greens of the later acts all the more welcome.

The subtly changing tints of Jean Kalman's lighting throughout enhance the spare, Appia-like beauty of Bechtler's sets. Albery's direction is also characteristically spare — no operatic semaphore, not a gesture or movement that doesn't serve the drama. The whole concept is wonderfully tightly focused.

Linda McLeod and John Keyes are singing Elsa and Lohengrin for the first time. Both concentrate on expressiveness of musical line rather than decibels, with especially succulent results in the love duet. McLeod's silvery tone gave intense pleasure throughout; Keyes, an ex-bariton and already a fine Siegmund and Parsifal, showed signs of strain only at the very end of a role that lies rather higher.

Elsewhere there were hints of the volume-at-all-costs approach to Wagner fashionable in some German houses, but it was impossible not to thrill to both the trumpet tones of Linda Finnie's Ortrud at full throttle and the poisonous pianissimos of her temptation of Elsa. Malcolm Donnelly (Telramund) and Michael Druiett (King) went for fullness of tone at the expense of diction (Donnelly) and precision of pitch (Druiett).

So, another exceptional *Lohengrin* for those London audiences who can take it, and a timely triumph for the ENO.

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DANCE

Return of Beatrix's furry beasties

Royal Ballet
Covent Garden

SHEER chance led my hand to a video of the Beatrix Potter film after returning from the matinee where the Royal Ballet had initiated the panto season by reviving its stage version of the work. Or perhaps the ghost of Frederick Ashton wanted to draw my attention to how much more subtle and complex his choreography was in its original screen context than in Anthony Dowell's stiff adaptation for the theatre — and how much better danced by the cast with whom he worked.

Anyway, for those who agree with Jeremy Isaacs's assessment of its characters as "splendidly entertaining furry beasties", here they are back at Covent Garden for another run. A warning, though, if you plan to take young children. Seventy minutes without a break can be an awfully long time for some tiny bladders, judging by the hurried exits I observed during the performance. Better make sure that your tots make good use of the half-hour interval that precedes the ballet.

Presumably to prevent the company from being driven out of their minds by the twee characters they have to play and the confining costumes and animal masks they have to wear, Dowell has chosen *Ballet Imperial* to open this double bill. I can think of no other reason for so extraordinary a coupling, which is likely to leave admirers of each of the two works nonplussed by the other.

No harm, having lured a non-ballet audience with Potterisms, in showing them a pure dance work too, but this is hardly the right example. Forty minutes of St Petersburg grandeur visibly made heavy going for many youngsters, whereas spectators eager for Balanchine's superb tribute to Tchaikovsky and Petipa would enjoy more serious fare to go with it.

They also, frankly, deserved to see *Ballet Imperial* better done than it was on Saturday afternoon. I suppose we must reconcile ourselves to the fact that modern costume materials do not look so sumptuous as those used 40 years ago, when Eugene Berman designed it for the Royal Ballet (but that is no excuse for deliberately changing some of his costumes).

That may be past praying for, and at least we are back to an approximation of the way the ballet looked when Covent Garden first saw it. The Balanchine Trust has rescinded its edict made last season that the company must adopt New York City Ballet's revisions of the choreography: we now have the version Balanchine staged in London.

But the level of dancing on Saturday afternoon was not really up to the mark. Too many skipped or fudged steps in the solos; not much regality from the principals (Leanne Benjamin, Stuart Cassidy and Nicola Tranah, all in debuts); and the corps could have used more energy, more cohesiveness. Sarah Wildor's dancing as one of the ensemble leaders showed what the others lacked: if everyone had her grace, simplicity and fluency, there would be no cause for complaint.

JOHN PERCIVAL



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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE BFG: Opening night for Roald Dahl's *Big Friendly Giant*, making his now annual call on London. The producers are finding it difficult to locate a suitable corgi for the Queen
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

BENJAMIN BRITTEN BIRTHDAY CONCERT: The Britten-Pears Ensemble celebrates the anniversary with a programme including Britten (*Sinfonietta* Op 1), Schoenberg/Stein (*Orchestral Songs* Op 8 Nos 2 & 5); Busoni (*Berceuse élégiaque*); and Mahler/Stein (*Symphony No 4*). Alexander Platt conducts; with Mary Plazas, soprano.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm

GOTHIC VOICES: Music from the 16th-century Spanish Song Book and solos for vihuela, lute and harp. Directed by Christopher Page with Christopher Wilson, lute and Andrew Lawrence-King, harp. As part of the BBC Lunchtime Concerts series.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-222 1061). Today, 1pm.

USTAD BISMILLAH KHAN: A concert of North Indian classical music featuring India's most distinguished senior musician. The theme is "A Simple Journey into Inner Space".
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: A blend of staggering illusion, spine-tingling tension and good-old-fashioned-fun is in store with Ken Hill's adaptation of H G Wells's classic story **The Invisible Man**.
Alexandra Theatre, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-633 3325). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed ands Sat, 2.30pm.

BRIGHTON: A delectation of dance programmes from the **London City Ballet**: *Coppelia*, with choreography by Harold King, adapted from St Leon's original work, and staged by Cecilia Barrett: a revival of *Les Sylphides*, one of Mikhail Fokine's most celebrated and lyrical works set to music by Chopin; Frederick Ashton's charming *Les Patineurs*; plus the very theatrical *Three Dances to Japanese Music*.
Theatre Royal, New Road (0273 328488). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

BROMLEY: Frank Finlay and Michael Hadley star in Stephen Mallatrat's adaptation of Susan Hill's superbly scary thriller, **The Woman in Black**. Directed by Robin Herford.
Churchill Theatre, High Street (081-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

LEEDS: The end of the autumn tour of Ronald Hynd's new production of *Sleeping Beauty* for the **English National Ballet**. A generally pleasing programme, taking as a model the excellent and lovingly remembered first postwar production at Covent Garden, but it could do without the scattering of flying effects.
Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

SHEFFIELD: The **D'Oyly Carte Opera Company** arrives with its swash-buckling adventure production of Gilbert & Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* for six performances. Also in rep is Jacques Offenbach's classic tongue-in-cheek operatic farce, *Orpheus in the Underworld*. A zany, swift-running production.
Lyceum, Norfolk Street, (0742 769922). *Pirates*: Tonight-Fri, 7.45pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. *Orpheus*: Sat 2 and 7.45pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **ARCADIA**: Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.15pm, 180mins.

◪ **CAROUSEL**: Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 165mins.

☐ **THE CLEARING**: Opening night for this co-production with the National Theatre Studio, set in Co Kildare in the years after Cromwell. Author Helen Edmundson adapted the excellent *Anna Karenina* for Shared Experience
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

☐ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed American show that pays homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm

■ **HAMLET**: Alan Cumming plays an unusually vulnerable, little-boy Prince in Stephen Unwin's brisk, urgent production. With Eleanor Bron and Pip Donaghy. Last week of performances.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Thurs 2pm and Sat 3pm

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm; mat Wed, 2.30pm

☐ **LOOKING THROUGH A GLASS ONION**: John Waters stars in his own musical tribute to John Lennon, and comes remarkably close to conveying his mysterious, if chaotic, charm.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm and 9pm

☐ **MOONLIGHT**: Ian Holm and Anna Massey in the West End transfer of Pinter's play: a sour civil servant, unmourned by his family, rages against his approaching death.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm

◪ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

◪ **ONE MAN**: Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: *Poe's Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494-5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES**: Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs. First seen at Chichester this summer.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Wed, Sat 3pm.

☐ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT**: A wretched look at the clubbing habits of 1960s youth. Starring Dennis Waterman
Strand Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat 8pm; mats Fri and Sat 4pm. 150mins. Last week of performances.

■ **TAMBURLAINE THE GREAT**: Antony Sher plays the gutsy, roaring tyrant for all it's worth. Terry Hands directs
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight and Tue, 7.15pm.

☐ **THE WASPS**: Aquila Productions present Aristophanes's stinging comedy about a legal system controlled by prejudiced old men. Sounds familiar. In repertoire with *Coriolanus*.
The Place, 17 Dukes Road, WC1 (071 387 0031). *Wasps*: Mon, Wed and Fri, 8pm, mats Tue and Thurs, 12pm and Sat 2pm. *Coriolanus*: Tue, Thurs and Sat, 8pm. Last week of performances.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) .. ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) .. ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) .. ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) .. ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) .. ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

ALADDIN (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun. Directors, John Musker, Ron Clements
Odeon Leicester Square (0426-915683)

◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG): Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J. Fox. Directed by Barry Sonnenfeld
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE** (12): Scarred recluse tutors a young outcast. Queasy drama with something to say from director-star Mel Gibson.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **POSSE** (15): Outlaw blacks ride the prairie. Just an urban ghetto drama in Western clothes. Mario Van Peebles stars and directs
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

◆ **SO I MARRIED AN AXE MURDERER** (12): Is a beat poet's latest flame a serial killer? Foolish but breezy vehicle for "Wayne's World" star Mike Myers. Thomas Schlamme directs
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THE STOLEN CHILDREN (15): Policeman escorts prostitute's children to Sicilian orphanage. Perceptive human drama from Gianni Amelio.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

THE STRANGER (U): Wandering uncle returns to roost. Satyajit Ray's endearing, often funny, last film starring Utpal Dutt.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

CURRENT

L'ACCOMPAGNATRICE (PG): Claude Miller's flawed but sensitive wartime drama, with Romane Bohringer as the young pianist whisked into a glamorous new world. **MGMs: Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

◆ **DAVE** (15): The US President's lookalike takes over. Beguiling comic fantasy, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver. Ivan Reitman directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **DEMOLITION MAN** (15): Sylvester Stallone versus Wesley Snipes in 21st century LA. Director Marco Brambilla's overblown action romp with satirical touches
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** ◪ (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **GUILTY AS SIN** (15): D.A. Rebecca De Mornay falls under the spell of ladykiller Don Johnson. Foolish thriller, minus thrills. Director, Sidney Lumet.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

NAKED (18): Mike Leigh's excellent, uncomfortable Cannes prizewinner about London's lost souls, with David Thewlis as the amoral drifter who hits the pavements.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel, score by Michael Nyman
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (071-497 9999) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen on the Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's Booker prize-winning novel with Anthony Hopkins and Emma Thompson.
Curzons: Mayfair (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery: Philip Kaufman directs
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

PERFORMANCE ART: The Kosh goes on a bizarre journey into 'the nightclub of the soul'

Meaning remains lost in shadows

Klub Anima
Union Chapel, Islington

THIS Congregational chapel is certainly a great venue for a rock gig. The four-square interior, with galleries round three sides under its soaring, wood-panelled dome, probably makes it a great venue for a chapel too, which it continues to be even while The Kosh are here, Wednesday to Saturday for the next two weeks.

The Kosh. Dance? Theatre? Something of both? The power of neither. I confess I do not understand where this company is heading, nor what they are concerned to offer here in this wander through the nightclub of the soul, though they do have a dedicated youthful following.

A long quotation from Jung in the programme puts us in a reverential (or apprehensive) mood during the 20-minute delay before the curtains part. The stage has been built against the fourth wall and projects forward between two black loudspeakers. For half an hour these have been emitting a bass note, eternally sustained, along with regular beats of a dullish tone, like being gently coshed.

But now a character named as Shadow Man has drawn the curtains and here is Siân Williams, founder of the company and co-choreographer with Johnny Hutch, swinging on a rope. *She is named as La Chaque* Chance and has a journey ahead of her, a journey into (I quote) "an uncompromising underworld of male power, manipulation, cabaret and illusion".

She is accompanied by Craig Leon's music, which now goes into Morse Code with superimposed siren blasts. I liked its heavy energy, though I should not care to listen to it on its own.

The powerful, manipulating men she meets could be versions of the animus in her psyche; or she is the various men's anima. Suffice it to say that sexual boundaries are elastic. The man's baggy suit she clambers into turns inside-out to become a flamenco dancer's dress. Soon afterwards, the character named The Boy (Nick Merovich), who wears ice-blue suede leggings and a bronze cache-sexe, converts his jacket into a skirt at a wedding during which bride and groom turn about and become a bishop and the bride's mother.

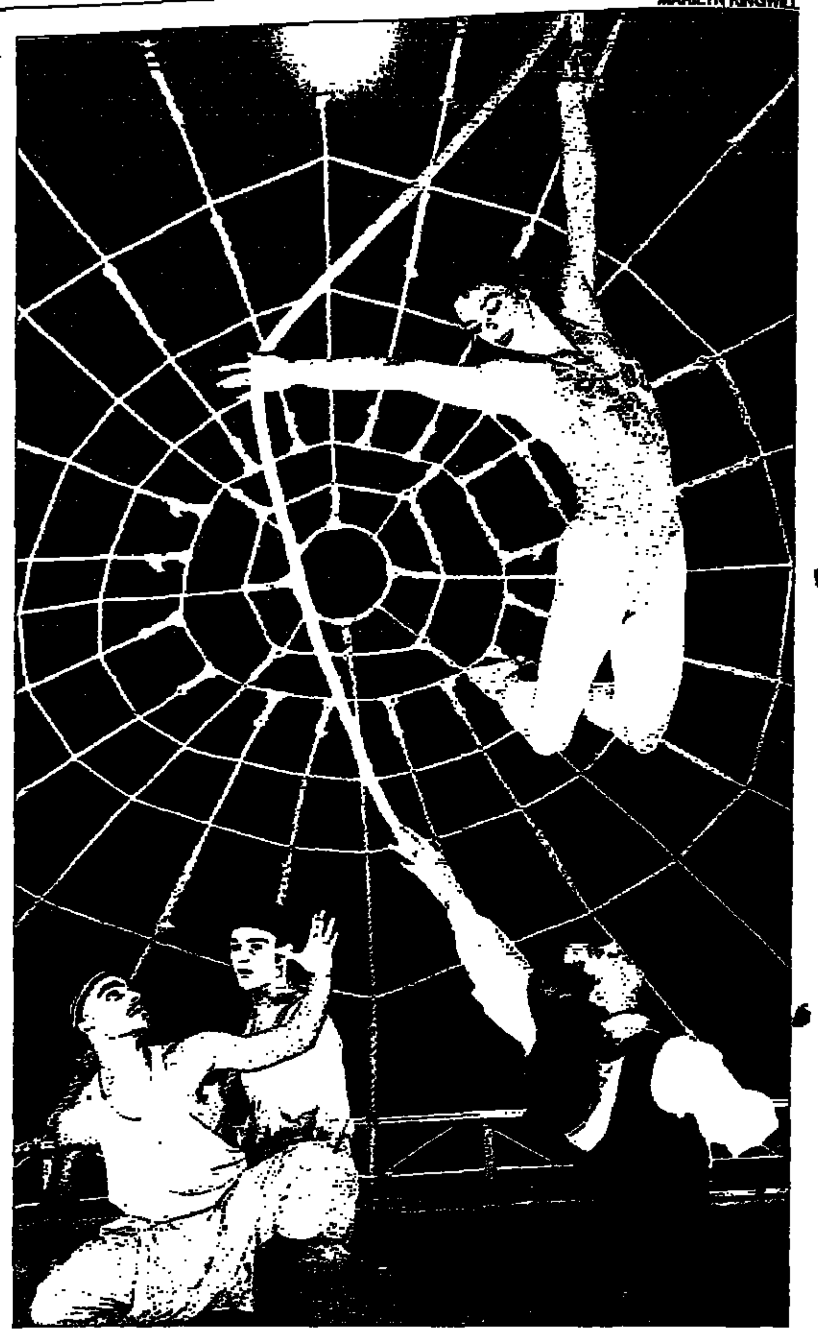
Confused? There are stamping dances to come, hypnotic crystals, shadow-dancing and a long sequence where everyone goes on all fours and jumps sideways, pretending to be spiders, while the sinister Nightclub Owner (Christian Flint) supervises battles on a gigantic web.

The acrobatics and choreography are nothing special; the footwork is nimble and a few episodes stand out against the bewildering flux. Some can be as simple as the movement of a rope, drawn up from above, that snakes around Williams's body. But I cannot say why these men behave as they do, covering their heads, passing her their coats, now signalling come hither, now go thither. Nor do Williams's expressions — alarmed, curious, exalted — convey anything more precise, even when (being female) she wins the spider battle.

At the curtain-call the cast bow in unison, very slowly, like heavenly visitors acknowledging the plaudits of the multitude. My anima and I hurried away into the shadows.

JEREMY KINGSTON

MARILYN KINGWILL



Siân Williams on the gigantic spider's web, in The Kosh's *Klub Anima*

CHAMBER MUSIC: One of America's top string quartets brings a varied programme to the South Bank

Eloquent in their protest

Emerson Quartet
Queen Elizabeth Hall

AMERICA's award-winning Emerson Quartet, whose eponymous philosopher once declared that "to be great is to be misunderstood", risked a fair degree of misunderstanding in the cause of greatness during their varied programme on the South Bank. They built it around the 12th of Shostakovich's 15 string quartets, a late work from 1968 in which the composer seems to rail against the artistic confinements besetting the contemporary political context.

The players took up the 12-note theme at the outset and turned it into a kind of clarion call. From there they delved perceptively into the work's unorthodox structure, and reached deep into its underlying troubled spirit.

A snapped A-string on Lawrence Dutton's viola, swiftly repaired, meant that we heard twice over the dramatic interplay of fierce pizzicatos from the first violin against savage interjections from the others. There was, incidentally, a remarkable recovery of vividly tense momentum after that unfortunate incident.

A vivid range of colour in the other-worldly Adagio movement, particularly distinguished by the burnished solo cello line from David Finckel (a Rostropovich pupil to his fingertips), was complemented by a sustained virtuosity elsewhere. The players were clearly always listening keenly to one another, and this produced a poise and balance of ensemble that was ideal in this close acoustic, contained by the baffle-screen standing in a crescent just behind them.

Schubert's single-movement *Quartettsatz* (D703) began the programme in a performance of uncommon urgency, and even a touch of impatience, before settling to its accustomed style. It was followed by another single movement: the Adagio by Samuel Barber. What a pity that the Emersons did not take this opportunity to deliver the full quartet from which it comes. At least the sustained threnody of this familiar excerpt has a more appealing clarity when it is played by single strings than in its orchestral version.

A taste of the Emerson's planned recording-cycle of Beethoven quartets was offered by the second "Rasumovsky" Quartet (Op 59, No 2), where a first movement of beguiling suavity did not exclude a more restless spirit at times, and the meditative self-questioning of an eloquent Adagio was dissolved in the buoyant playfulness of the two later movements.

NOEL GOODWIN

CONCERT: A memorable interpretation of Mahler

At the height of his powers

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall

SIMON Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra have given many memorable Mahler performances but never anything like this. Of course, there is nothing like the Ninth Symphony, the last score in which Mahler's intentions are tolerably clear. But Rattle's present interpretation is not just a matter of realising explicit intentions.

Conducted from memory after a period of preparation (for a recording) which has ensured maximum technical security, this account of the Ninth Symphony had every appearance of spontaneity, of inspiration renewed with every fresh development. If there were a few blemishes, like a small failure in control in the woodwind or the occasional not quite unanimous entry in the strings, they were an inevitable part of a live performance. The eloquence of most individual contributions in exposed situations — like those of the principal horn time and time again, the principal flute in its visionary solos in the first and third movements, the short but particularly beautiful comments from the principal cello in the finale — were overwhelming evidence of the heightened sensitivity of the occasion.

If there was also evidence of a failure in the conductor's resources, in motivating assault after assault in the Rondo-Burleske, this was part of an essentially truthful interpretation: ruthless parodies of Mahler's first symphonic finale were offset by serene anticipations of his last. It was truthful too in matters of scoring. Rattle's apparent unwillingness to protect his violins by adjusting the balance in the early stages of the first movement resulted in some confusion, but that is how it is — Mahler did not live to perform the work and retouch the colouring in the light of experience. And, anyway, the more a conductor adjusts, the less convincing he is in those prophetic patches of microscopic textures and refracted harmonies which are among the most fascinating of Mahler's achievements.

The major achievement of all, of course, is the final Adagio, and that is where Rattle's interpretation has gained most in maturity. It is a long, painfully emotional and yet (ultimately) reconciled departure which requires the breadth of imagination, the flexibility, the sustained control and at the same time the instant response which he actually brought to it — securing at the end a silence in which even the sneezing and coughing had to stop.

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Drink was his saving grace

Peter Ackroyd on the novelist of London loneliness: his life was squalid but he learnt how to use alcohol to banish his neuroses

Patrick Hamilton has in a sense remained the invisible novelist of his period: he is not much discussed these days and, although Penguin have reissued some of his novels, apparently not much read. In his own lifetime, too, he remained a somewhat anonymous figure despite his literary successes; in a newspaper column of 1956 John Betjeman was moved to ask "Where is he now? Is he happy?", but there was no reply. Hamilton had an essentially solitary temperament that did not encourage confidences of any kind.

It is no wonder that he is the novelist of London loneliness, of the hotels and lodgings houses of SW7 — of what he described in his most famous novel, *Hangover Square*, as the world of "the ABC and Express Restaurants; the pubs, the florists and tobacconists, all the bleak scenery..." of Earls Courts and its environs.

In certain respects his story is a predictable, if not familiar, one; his father was a failed writer, and a characteristic upper middle-class childhood was besieged by insecurities of various trivial kinds. He seems to have been an obsessive neurotic from an early age; this may in part account for his later alcoholism, although it may be unwise to overlook the element of inheritance in that condition. His father was a habitual drunkard, while his brother and sister were both very friendly with the bottle.

In fact the whole family seems to have been a genetic cesspool, with the common failing that in later life they all behaved like stunted or thwarted children.

Hamilton's own life flickered briefly in the gaslight of an older England (he was born in 1904) when he became a junior stage manager of a touring theatrical company. He was still only 16, but he had the good fortune to be introduced to the one art which has most helped to shape the English novel — cheap melodrama. He wrote his own first novel when he was 21 and, like many other such early productions, it is marked by what his biographer calls "fidelity to the details of Hamilton's own life".



PATRICK HAMILTON
A Life
By Sean French
Faber, £20

He became successful almost at once, although in fact he was a far better playwright than novelist. His fiction is too loose, too prolix, too uncontrolled, whereas in his drama he had all the lessons of Gothic melodrama to assist him. He was essentially a London writer, as critics have suggested; but although most of them have emphasised his spiritual consanguinity with the dreary avenues of West Kensington, his real home lay in the London tradition of the small playhouses and the "blood tubs".

His first play, *Rope*, is an extraordinary piece of theatre; it is based upon the Loeb-Leopold case, in which two young American homosexuals murdered a child. Hamilton's version rivals anything to be found even in the meatier passages of *Hangover Square* or *The Slaves of Solitude*. He seems to have understood perfectly what he was trying to do when, at a later date, he described his other extraordinary drama: *Gaslight*, he said, "has a sort of *genuineness* in its very *bogusness*." It is, in other words, perfect theatre.

After the success of his first play there came a run of bad luck. He was badly injured in a car accident, and then he became a Marxist; neither event could have been more badly timed and, although his conversion to communism was very much part of the period's fashion, it seems to have owed more to the louche voyeurism of his temperament than to any ideological commitment. Now he could embrace the entire working class, and not just prostitutes.

He was an extraordinarily successful novelist and playwright — with *Hangover Square* and *Gaslight* confirming his public reputation in both areas — and by his thirties he was one of the most famous young writers in the country. The fact that he is now almost entirely forgotten is not in itself unusual; fashionable writers, the ones who appear most frequently in the newspapers and the magazines, are the ones who fade most quickly and most completely. Those who manage to capture an elusive and particular *Zeitgeist* are often the ones buried by its successors: a writer who aspires to greatness should pray that he is thoroughly abused by his contemporaries. In any case Hamilton seems to have desired a different kind of success. He had wanted to be a "serious artist", and instead he acquired his reputation through thrillers and melodramas. Sean French's descriptions of his novels do not suggest, however, that he is a major writer who has been unjustly neglected.

It would be easy to say that drink destroyed him but, on the evidence of this biography, it seems to have been one of his few saving graces. Such an apparently furtive and unamiable man needs the emollient of alcohol before he can become bearable, and it seems that Hamilton's friendships were largely established upon alcoholic expeditions through the pubs and clubs of the metropolis. Of course his lethargy and depression may have been exacerbated by drink, but they are unlikely to have been caused by it. The evidence of this book suggests a deeply neurotic and extraordinarily repressed man who could not have survived at all without the liberal use of alcohol.

But he also lacked confidence — the one quality which no serious writer can afford to lose — and a particularly unsympathetic letter from his publisher, according to Sean French, "destroyed Patrick Hamilton's literary career". He drank even more heavily than before, and relapsed into a severe depression from which he was rescued by electro-convulsive therapy. But then, in his early fifties, he began a process of "sedate decay" from which he was never able to escape. He wrote no more fiction and began a memoir which, in this biography at least, is completely overshadowed by his brother's less complimentary reminiscences.

This book is in certain respects like its subject: *Patrick Hamilton* begins well, with a few literary flourishes, but then settles down into an occasionally artless trot through the novelist's life and times. But if the biography is relatively unexciting, much of the fault must lie with Hamilton himself — he was not an inspiring figure in any sense, and in Sean French's account he emerges as false and rather supercilious. His brother sensed psychopathic tendencies somewhere within him, and throughout his life there is a hint of those violent and strange passions which find memorable expression in his Gothic dramas. Unfortunately they were not enough to make him a great artist, and this is the story of a minor writer who drank himself into oblivion.



Jimmy Stewart as male ideal, from Farid Chenoune's History of Men's Fashion (Flammarion, £50). Stewart starred in Hitchcock's 1948 film of Patrick Hamilton's Rope, adapted by Hume Cronyn

PAPERBACKS

MR LOVE AND JUSTICE
By Colin MacInnes
Allison & Busby, £4.99
FRANKIE Love is a ponce and Ted Justice is a crooked cop — a signpost to the ironies and to the allegorical spirit of this darkly humorous novel, the third in MacInnes's London trilogy which began with *City of Spades* and *Absolute Beginners*. Set in the raw underbelly of 1950s London, among the prostitutes and petty criminals whose seedy milieu was MacInnes's speciality, it chronicles the intertwining of the two men's lives and the turn-up for the books that occurs when their own particular moral code throws each of them out of a job. A bitterly funny exploration of the boundaries of law and morality.

JERNIGAN
By David Gates
Picador, £5.99
MORE than gin, Peter Jernigan's main vice is irony. It is what he uses to protect himself from life. His wife has died in a drunken car wreck. He loses his job and gets involved with the hippy mother of his son's girlfriend, an urban survivalist living outside the cash economy, who executes home-raised rabbits for the pot. There are too many guns around and it is only a matter of time before one goes off tragically. The plot unravels predictably, but Jernigan — wry, dark and desperately funny — is an overwhelming presence in an otherwise cardboard situation.

JFK: RECKLESS YOUTH
By Nigel Hamilton
Arrow, £9.99
HAMILTON set out to produce a biography that is "both scholarly and fresh", and this, the first of two volumes, largely succeeds in its aim. The derogatory subtitle disguises an honest rather than critical approach, refreshingly unembarrassed by the often sensational fruits of the writer's extensive research. This research prised open hitherto undisclosed letters and archives, and coaxed old friends into giving detailed memories of the president when young. The result, written in brisk, expert prose, reveals an ambitious, charming and sexually voracious young man struggling to reconcile the influence of an adulterous and amoral father with that of a frigid and pious mother.

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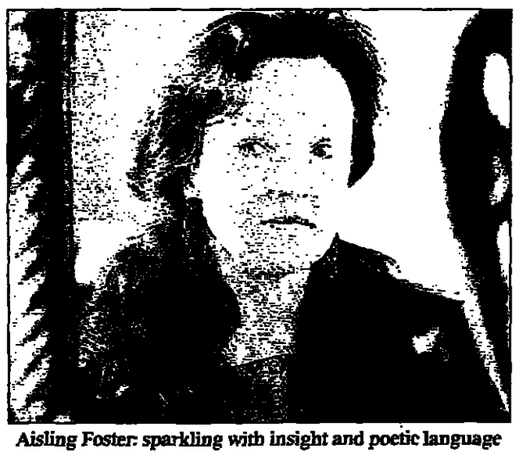
Rebels and zealots of an emerald isle

Rachel Cusk

SAFE IN THE KITCHEN
By Aisling Foster
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

The emotional uprisings which seethe beneath the surface of political struggle occupy a position in fiction which is difficult to negotiate, requiring the historian's hand on the wheel while the novelist's eye surveys the turmoil left on the road behind. Set mainly in Ireland in the early half of this century, Aisling Foster's *Safe in the Kitchen* is the story of Rita Fitzgerald, a young woman whose fortunes mirror those of her country in a particularly acute way. Born into an aristocratic "Dublin Castle" family, Rita soon identifies in herself cultural and intellectual longings which, while detaching her from the charmed circle of her parents' life, render her in their vagary ripe for political conversion.

When she meets Frank O'Fiaich, an up-and-coming Republican hero, his plans to rescue Irish culture and language seem to Rita far more glamorous than the high society of her upbringing, and with an upsurge of whimsical fortitude she rebels against her parents and marries him. Frank, however, is a zealot and ideologue whose ambitions for Ireland go beyond the publication of indigenous poetry. It soon becomes clear that Rita has married not a man but a movement, and despite her willingness to efface herself at its feet, the intransigence of her raw material resists remoulding.



Aisling Foster: sparkling with insight and poetic language

The entrance of the missing Romanov jewels and a delegation of Russian Bolsheviks into a plot whose hands are already full with the painful evolution of the Irish Republican party may seem a trifle fast for some, but it is in this element that the wayward side of Rita's nature finds soil in which to thrive. A deal is struck whereby Republican party funds are given to the Russians as a loan, against which the jewels are kept by the Irish as security. While the men seem unable to perceive their beauty, everything in Rita is transfixed by the sight of the exquisite diamonds and rubies, in the presence of which not just her instincts for luxury but also her unlocked yearnings for sexual and aesthetic pleasure begin to unfold. The jewels are chaperoned by a bewhiskered and riotous Russian woman called Nina who, before handing them over to Rita's custody, translates these yearnings into something which must be kept as well-hidden over the subsequent years as the jewels.

The stage is set for such a plethora of comment on marriage, gender, politics, class and sexuality that one begins to wonder if the story itself might have to be put aside; but the achievement of Foster's book is that it illuminates all of these things, and more, without a lapse in the narrative.

As Frank becomes more deeply embedded in the violent skirmishes and self-sapping conviction of his political life, so Rita detaches herself from the ugliness of the reality he creates, to partake in the secret life of the jewels. Locked in a safe in the kitchen, they are as immune from the turmoil outside the front door as Rita is; but while Rita is fascinated by their history, the predestiny hinted at by their political significance escapes her. She begins to dress up in them at home and then inevitably to wear them in public, unable to resist their lure towards grandeur and self-love. The detachment that is their birthright sees Rita through years of embittered marriage, ungrateful children and personal betrayal, but it also prevents her from seeking out happiness in a human form. The revolution she required was not political but personal.

Safe in the Kitchen is distinctive not only for its ambitious scope, but also for the quality of its prose, which sparkles both with insight and unusually poetic language. Foster deploys her narrative with humour and acuteness, and the result is a compelling historical novel of great literary merit.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

After a huge novel on Mary, Queen of Scots comes an equally huge book, **Elizabeth I** by Rosalind Miles (*Sidgwick & Jackson, £15.99*), purporting to be an autobiography by the Great Queen, begun on the night before the Earl of Essex is to be executed.

This Elizabeth is depicted as highly neurotic, passionate, hysterical, constantly in floods of tears, a creature of ferocious loves and long lasting hates (her father, her sister, Mary Queen of Scots, Lady Jane Grey and Amy Robsart among them).

This does not seem to be Good Queen Bess, Gloriana, or even the Virgin Queen. Robert Dudley stole away with her and provided a priest and a bed. Unfortunately for him, they availed themselves of the second rather than the first.

It is, of course, a most absorbing story. A wretched and insecure childhood was followed by danger from all sides during the reigns of her brother and sister. The two men she loved, the Earl of Surrey and Thomas Seymour, were executed. Robert Dudley, whose early life had been as hazardous as hers, loved her, but was married and she was too wise to marry him when he was free. In this book she is consumed by physical passion for the younger Earl of Essex, and thinks to herself that all the men she loved had resembled her father.

It is difficult, if not dangerous, to offer psychoanalysis across the centuries. Much of this is unconvincing, a 20th-century gloss on the very different past. Compared to the work of Margaret Irwin who has never been bettered on Tudors and Stuarts, this is not in the first rank of historical novels. On the other hand, taken as a soap opera, it is superb.

The first world war is a preoccupation this season. In **Fallen Skies** by Philippa Gregory (*HarperCollins, £14.99*) Stephen Winters has come home to Portsmouth a hero, determined to return to the family firm of solicitors, to marry and settle down. He chooses Lily, an attractive and talented young actress, and takes her home to his parents, father felled and mute by a stroke. Stephen is not the man he seems to be — driven around by his former, shell shocked, batman. They get into serious fights and reminisce endlessly about the bad old days. Lily insists on going on with her career, Stephen gets madder and madder without anyone noticing. It can't end happily, and doesn't.

In **Escapade**, by Jane Aiken Hodge (*Hodder & Stoughton, £15.99*), two runaway young women, Charlotte escaping an unwanted proposal of marriage, Beth Prior, the famous actress, escaping a nasty scandal, and hoping to marry the man she loves, end up in Sicily during the Napoleonic Wars.

Beth has been asked to contact the formidable Queen Maria Carolina of Naples, exiled to Sicily, former patron of Emma Hamilton, and grandmother of Napoleon's wife. With two engaging love stories, an abduction, and a great deal of history expertly and painlessly elucidated, this is a delight.

Sidonie Brooks, harpsichord virtuoso in **As Shadows Haunting** by Dinah Lampitt (*New English Library, £15.99*), has a flat near Holland House, the home of Lady Sarah Lennox, the 18th-century beauty, loved by the young George III. Her spectacularly scandalous career ended with a happy and enduring second marriage to George Napier.

The two young women see each other over the centuries at crisis points in their lives. Sidonie has an ex husband who is obsessed with her, and two men she loves. The thorough mess that Lady Sarah made of her early years is sympathetically told, and the lives of the twin heroines touch and part in a very convincing manner.

When the French Revolutionaries reach the chateau in **The Sugar Pavilion** by Rosalind Laker (*Doubleday, £14.99*), Sophie Delcourt, the confectioner, rescues the four-year-old heir, and flees with him to Regency Brighton. Her skill as a confectioner brings her fame, fortune, the patronage of the Prince Regent, and danger to her aristocratic charge.

Throw in the charming Mrs Fitzherbert, married to the Prince, Tom Foxhill, a dashing art collector, a brave Excise officer and a villainous gang of smugglers and you have that rare thing, a rattling good yarn.

PHILIPPA TOOMEY

Capitalisation, week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 15. Dealings end November 26. §Contango day November 29. Settlement day December 6. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,362.00	Abbey Nat	409	+5	11.8	3.6	15.8
1,777.40	Allied Irish	270	-6	...	3.0	13.8
2,747.30	Aus New Z	210	+14	...	4.2	∞
10,132.30	Bankamerica	2850 †	+56½	...	...	...
1,308.70	Bk of Ireland	278 †	-8	...	4.5	20.5
27.70	Bk Leumi UK	330	...	17.0	6.1	...
2,217.50	Bank Scotland	191	-2	4.6	3.1	25.9
9,297.80	Barclays	575	-1	...	2.7	...
6.84	Benchmark	9½	+¼	...	...	...
6.34	Carlisle	20½	+1½	...	...	...
133.80	Cater Allen	555	...	27.0	6.1	...
155.00	Cattles	140	-2	...	4.0	18.6
3,414.60	Chase Manh	2187½	+18½	...	...	...
8,613.30	Citicorp	2356½	-106½	...	...	...
205.70	Close Bros	456	-2	...	3.0	16.6
4,281.20	Commerzbk	£14½	+625	...	2.8	...
15,818.00	Deutsche Bk	£33½	+305½	...	1.9	...
107.90	First Nat Fin	60	+7	...	0.9	...
40,565.90	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
177.10	Gerrard Nat	463 †	-6	21.5	5.9	12.0
6,051.80	HSBC	738	-33½	20.0	3.4	17.7
12,740.50	HSBC HK	749	-33	20.0	3.3	17.9
626.50	Hambros	357 †	+3½	14.3	5.0	10.5
21.90	Joseph (L)	418	...	16.6	5.0	...
22.80	King Shaxson	144	...	9.0	7.8	...
668.40	Kleinwort Ben	506	-1	16.7	4.1	17.5
7,447.20	Lloyds	580	+16	19.1	4.1	16.6
57.40	Lon Scot Bk	95	-½	2.9	3.8	18.8
7,438.10	Nat Aust Bk	566	+16	...	3.8	∞
9,224.00	Nat West	556	-6	17.8	4.0	33.8
556.40	Provident	418	-1	12.4	3.7	18.1
19.60	Rea Bros	50	-2	0.5	1.4	53.1
2,937.80	Ryl Bk Scot	370	+14	9.0	3.0	...
1,222.10	Schroders	1210	-20	...	1.2	24.1
2,486.10	Stand Chart	1044	+1	20.5	2.5	...
3,261.70	TSB	215	-7	6.4	3.7	...
32.30	Union Disc	170	+2	...	...	...
1,820.60	Warburg SG	839 †	+12	...	2.9	12.3
4,386.80	Wells Fargo	7918½	+331½	...	2.5	...
3,576.60	Westpac	204	+7	...	3.9	...
27.10	Wintrust	320	...	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5,079.90	Allied-Lyons	574	+14	...	4.6	15.5
4,079.60	Bass	470	+4	19.1	5.1	10.2
303.90	Boddington	252	+6	7.3	3.7	14.7
230.00	Bulmer (HP)	438	-1	...	2.9	19.1
37.93	Burtonwood Brw	182 †	+15½	4.7	3.3	15.2
24.10	Eldridge P 'A'	124	-1	...	3.4	32.8
2,172.70	Fosters Brewing	67½	+1	...	3.9	...
82.20	Fullr Sm 'A'	405	...	...	2.3	17.4
8,346.60	Grand Met	398	-12	13.5	3.9	13.1
772.20	Greenalls Grp	370	+8	12.0	4.1	12.3
233.10	Greene King	551	-18	...	2.8	15.6
8,955.70	Guinness	446	+22	...	3.4	16.7
61.80	Hardy Hanson	247	-7	7.8	4.0	13.7
3.50	Heavitree	136	...	3.0	2.8	32.9
397.20	Highland Distl	314	-12	...	2.7	15.4
93.40	Holt J	3113	+13	42.0	1.7	20.3
4.09	Hoskins Brew	70	-1	...	...	50.4
382.50	Invergordn Dist	300	...	...	3.0	17.1
145.60	Macallan-Glen	125	-1	4.3	4.4	28.1
53.40	Macdn Marin 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.7
121.40	Mansfield	190	-3	...	2.5	13.6
245.50	Mrston Thmp	221	-1	...	2.5	16.4
122.60	Matthew Clark	540	+9	...	4.2	18.0
28.90	Mrydwn W	238	-6	7.0	3.7	18.8
109.80	Morland	518	...	8.7	2.1	20.6
4.02	Paramount•	5	-½	...	2.1	∞
27.50	Regent Inns	188	+1	...	3.0	19.1
6,323.60	SA Breweries	1169	+104	...	3.3	19.7
2,005.00	Scot & New	474	+8	...	4.4	14.7
201.10	Taunton Cider	184	-8	6.0	4.1	15.0
364.00	Vaux Group	263	-3	9.3	4.4	18.1
105.30	Wetherspoon JD	336	+9	...	2.0	28.1
2,328.40	Whitbread 'A'	514	+31	...	4.4	12.2
186.60	-do- 'B'	1138	-10	...	2.0	27.2
314.30	Wolvrhmptn D	477	+13	11.8	3.1	13.4
14.00	Young 'A'	480	+2	14.7	3.9	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
52.30	Abbey	135	...	...	1.7	22.2
13.70	Albrighton•	19	...	...	...	...
37.00	Allen•	139	-1	5.0	4.5	31.5
222.20	Amec	110	-2	3.0	3.4	20.3
2.48	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
92.70	Ashtead•	309	-13	...	1.8	32.7
395.80	Atwoods	140	+5	...	4.6	...
1,309.00	BPB Ind	263	+5	...	3.6	45.2
35.70	Bregendge Brk	90	...	3.1	4.3	30.2
2.82	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.6	2.8	...
16.00	Barcon	86	-1	1.2	1.8	15.6
215.70	Bardon	39	...	2.0	6.4	19.2
316.20	Barratt Devs	175	...	4.0	2.9	∞
22.10	Bellway	451	...	12.0	3.4	∞
17.10	Bellwinch	39	...	...	...	...
329.00	Berkeley Gp	429	+2	...	1.7	26.9
15.10	Bett Bros	101	+6	2.0	2.5	∞
13.30	Blockleys	52	-2	1.0	2.4	57.5
2,124.80	Blue Circle	307½	+11½	...	4.6	...
71.00	Boot (Henry)	273	+4	6.0	2.7	15.3
24.70	Breedon PLC	87	-3	4.6	6.6	21.4
22.00	Br Dredging	125	+1	5.2	5.2	27.5
19.30	Brit Fittings	81	...	1.7	2.7	...
391.60	Bryant	142	+3	...	4.2	28.7
41.50	CALA	118	-3	...	2.4	...
1,101.40	CRH	316	-4	...	2.7	17.4
1.80	Cakebread Rby	30	...	...	...	...
147.60	Costain	28½	+2	...	...	...
109.10	Countryside	143	-3	...	3.6	37.8
72.70	Crest Nicholson	95	...	0.0	...	...
15.30	Cussins	86	-5	...	1.5	...
1.91	Dunton•	4	...	...	...	...
9.75	Edmor 1 Hldgs	18½	-½	0.3	2.0	...
34.00	Epwin	274	...	7.0	3.2	23.2
25.50	Erith	54	-1	0.3	0.8	...
47.90	Eye Group•	503	-1	...	2.5	18.2
5.33	Explaura•	3½	+¼	...	...	...
9.06	Freeman Gp•	131	...	...	4.8	20.8
33.70	Galliford	38	...	1.0	3.3	∞
1.39	Gibbs & Dandy	80	...	...	3.1	...
93.20	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	∞
289.60	Hewden Stuart	152	+1½	...	2.7	27.1
3.97	Hey[illegible]	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
261.10	He[illegible] Wlm	349	-1	12.5	4.5	...
48.9[illegible]	[illegible] & Hill	109	-2	2.5	2.9	...
[illegible]	[illegible] Gp	27	...	...	5.2	...
[illegible]	[illegible]rd Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
16[illegible]	[illegible]k Johnson	66	+3	1.0	1.9	...
8.[illegible]	[illegible]	13	-½	...	...	...
131.[illegible]	[illegible]ng (J)	288	-11	9.0	3.9	11.5
47.[illegible]	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	118½	-4½	...	6.8	...
9.98	Ln Clydeside•	110	+7	4.5	5.1	41.4
12.90	Lovell (YJ)	15½	...	...	...	7.0
114.80	Manders	307	+7	9.3	3.8	18.8
477.00	Marley	168	+10	4.2	3.1	49.3
144.60	Marshalls	119	+12	...	4.2	...
45.90	Maunders (J)	186	...	5.1	3.5	∞
114.10	McAlpine (A)	202	-4	6.5	4.0	35.0
27.40	McCarthy & S	39	-1	0.5	1.6	...
561.50	Meyer Int	451	+11	...	2.8	44.7
131.20	Mowlem (J)	121	+1	4.0	4.1	...
23.50	NSM	149	-1	...	...	...
9.01	Needler•	48	-2	...	3.7	22.4
179.80	Newman Tnks	149	-1	...	5.6	19.9
275.90	Persimmon	281	-4	8.6	3.8	28.7
2.34	Phoenix Timber	10	...	...	...	...
17.90	Pochins	1725	+300	29.0	2.1	24.3
116.30	Prowting	150 †	+1½	3.4	2.8	...
5.05	Quiligotti•	1½	...	...	...	...
1,654.20	RMC Gp	844	+16	...	3.0	31.7
146.50	Raine Ind	78	+1½	...	4.8	18.5
2.26	Ramus•	20	...	...	...	...
2,732.00	Redland	541	+15	25.0	5.8	31.5
12.30	Rosket	82	-3	4.3	6.6	12.1
822.20	Rugby Group	281	+3	6.4	2.9	21.5
10.50	Swfld-Rvs•	67	...	...	0.5	...
33.10	Sharpe & Fisher	160	...	...	3.1	27.8
150.00	Sheffield Insl	230	...	...	2.9	56.4
18.20	Sheriff Hldgs•	173	-2	...	1.6	25.8
3.19	Shorco•	93	...	...	7.0	21.1
22.40	Smart (J)	222 †	+3	8.5	4.8	∞
10.10	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
1,247.70	Tarmac	136	+2	5.5	5.1	...
38.80	Tay Homes	177	...	...	4.1	21.0
505.70	Taylor Woodrw	121	+5	1.0	1.0	...
200.40	Tilbury Dougls	590	-2	30.0	7.0	19.3
3.66	Torex Hire•	36	...	...	1.4	...
283.00	Travis Perkins	587	+10	8.0	3.5	50.5
11.20	Try Group	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.4
2.30	Tudor•	21	...	...	1.5	...
39.60	Vibroplant	86	-13	2.5	3.7	30.5
17.30	Ward Hldgs	33	-5	...	...	...
0.88	Waterhouse	35	...	...	...	...
88.80	Watts Blake	422	+2	...	3.5	18.4
4.41	Wescol•	18	...	...	...	...
111.70	Westbury	168 †	-½	5.0	3.7	26.2
3.66	West Scafold•	7	...	...	...	...
14.50	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
388.20	Wilson Bowdn	417	+4	...	2.7	29.3
344.90	Wilson (C)	182	+1	3.9	2.7	31.5
613.00	Wimpey G	170	+5	...	3.9	...
4.49	YRM	34	-2	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
833.10	ADT	600	...	...	...	...
10.40	Adam & Harvey	243 †	+2	13.0	6.7	4.5
5.41	Air London•	61	...	...	7.2	10.5
3.10	African Lakes	44	-3	2.0	5.7	...
149.90	Auto Sec	128	-9	...	6.0	22.6
1,195.80	BET Ord	128	+2	...	2.2	5.2
27.30	BNB Res	113	+4	4.9	5.4	...
81.30	BPP	310	...	8.3	3.3	17.1
40.70	Barbour Index	245	+10	8.0	4.1	16.7
21.30	Boustead	25	-2	0.7	3.5	...
58.30	Bris Data Mgt	240	-14	4.7	2.5	17.5
3.98	Broadcastle•	25	-2	...	1.3	19.9
7.11	Brooks Service	59	-3	...	1.1	...
49.90	CRT Gp	64	-1	...	3.5	16.7
89.60	Capita Group	189	-1	...	1.5	29.5
31.60	Cashs Plc	39½	-1	...	2.9	15.0
20.80	Chiltern Capital	22½	+½	...	...	...
11.30	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
989.40	Chubb Sec	354	-1	...	1.7	22.0
29.80	Contact•	93	+2	...	2.0	24.3
13.50	Corp Services	36	-1	...	...	...
20.50	Coutts Cnslig	86	-5	...	...	...
20.60	Dart	135	-2	3.3	3.1	18.3
218.30	Davis Service	214	+1	...	4.2	16.1
5.59	EW Fact•	104 #	...	4.4	5.5	11.7
27.30	Gardiner	25½	+½	0.4	2.1	17.7
999.70	Hays	248	+1	5.3	2.7	∞
150.40	Hogg Robinson	226	-9	...	3.8	16.3
16.30	Holmes Protectn	37	-3	...	...	2.3
9,494.30	Hutch Whamp	273	+11	...	1.8	22.8
335.70	ISS B DKr	3062½	-12½	...	1.0	14.3
2,620.00	Inchcape	500	-2	...	3.5	16.3
171.00	Johnson Clean	868	...	25.7	3.7	18.9
73.80	Lep	8	-½	...	...	...
31.10	Mitie Gp	275	...	3.5	1.6	21.4
825.90	Manpower	1110	-4	...	...	...
35.60	Michael Page	99½	...	1.8	3.8	25.3
5.77	Penna•	122	-2	...	8.3	4.5
1.61	Prime People•	3½	...	...	...	...
36.80	Proudfoot Alex	59	-17	...	...	3.3
41.50	RCO	388	...	14.1	4.6	13.3
8.23	REA	97	...	2.0	2.6	...
49.70	Reed Executive	97	...	...	...	...
24.80	Reliance Secs	110	...	...	5.1	23.0
2,006.40	Rentokil	206	-3	2.5	1.5	25.7
15.80	Rolfe & Nolan	230	+3	...	3.2	15.8
1,002.90	Salvesen (C)	347	-6	...	2.8	19.0
3.02	Scott Pickford•	35	...	...	2.9	11.2
17.20	Select Appt•	8	...	...	...	...
140.60	Serco Gp	1223	+10	13.3	1.4	33.8
5.49	Sherwd Cmpt•	90	-5	...	0.7	2.6
60.90	Sketchley	105	...	...	3.6	23.8
78.20	Warner Howrd	330 †	-5½	6.6	2.5	17.2
12.50	Webac	28	-1	...	...	...
37.80	Wills Gp	27	...	0.4	1.9	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
609.50	Allied Colloids	232	+4	...	2.3	20.4
543.20	Amersham	953 †	+13½	...	1.8	35.0
18.40	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
6,098.70	BASF DM	£109½	+18½	...	6.2	...
366.40	BTP	373	-9	...	4.3	18.8
8,425.10	Bayer DM50	£128½	+78½	...	4.3	...
62.30	Blagden	134	...	8.5	6.1	14.4
77.60	Brent Chems	115	+1	...	8.0	10.5
137.40	Br Bio-Tech	385	-8	...	...	...
4.00	Caird Gp	7	-½	...	22.2	19.4
44.10	Canning (W)	156	...	7.2	5.8	17.9
1,740.70	Courtaulds	433	-31	...	4.1	10.7
443.10	Croda	338	+5	...	2.9	19.4
13.30	Doefics	122	-1	4.8	4.7	9.4
173.70	Ellis & Everard	210	+1	...	4.2	20.1
11.30	Euro Colour	37½	-2	0.8	2.9	18.0
102.20	Halstead (J)	343	...	...	2.4	17.0
270.50	Hickson	156	+4	...	6.4	14.5
6,467.30	Hoechst	£109½	+297½	...	3.3	...
192.30	Holliday Chem	225	+2	...	2.1	20.7
4,952.90	ICI	686	+6	...	5.0	...
1,258.70	Laporte	650	-2	19.9	3.8	18.2
131.00	Leigh	205	-1	...	4.8	19.8
12.60	MTM	48½	...	...	...	...
4,184.90	Norsk Hydro	2037½	+65½	...	1.4	20.0
109.80	Paterson Zoch	450	+2	...	3.5	15.2
93.10	-do- 'A'	405	...	...	3.9	13.7
97.40	Plysu	205	-2	...	4.3	13.4
45.90	Porvair	398	+3	3.8	1.6	31.9
26.40	Sutcliffe Speak	47	-1	...	...	...
103.70	Wardle Storeys	420 †	-6	...	5.1	19.4
39.80	Wistnhlme R	538	+3	17.0	3.9	18.4
190.50	Yorks Chem	395	-26	...	2.5	22.2
163.40	Yule Catto	265	+8	...	2.8	16.5
7,295.40	Zeneca	772	-18	...	4.5	45.6

DRAPERY, STORES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39.90	Alexon	69½	-1½	...	5.4	...
65.10	Amber Day	56 †	+4½	1.3	3.0	∞
984.10	Argos Plc	331	-6	...	2.7	28.3
14.10	Ashley Group	10	...	...	2.3	...
211.40	Ashley (Laura)	90	...	0.1	0.1	...
254.60	Asprey	319	-4	5.1	2.0	22.1
45.30	Austin Reed	148	-3	...	2.1	...
70.10	Beattie (J) 'A'	151	-3	...	5.0	15.2
41.50	Bentalls	100	-10	1.9	2.4	...
153.80	Betterware	150 †	-2½	...	1.8	17.0
13.70	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.7	...
383.80	Body Shop	205	+1	...	1.1	28.4
76.90	Brown & Jackson	12	-¼	...	0.8	6.2
305.10	Brown (N)	418	-2	...	2.2	24.6
926.30	Burton	66	-1½	2.0	3.8	∞
27.20	Cantors	164	+8	4.0	3.0	∞
36.50	Church	338	-2	12.5	4.6	30.1
25.80	Clinton Cards	152	-3	4.3	3.6	18.3
1,758.00	Coats Viyella	262	-3	...	3.6	38.2
18.20	Colourvision•	90	-1	5.6	7.8	16.2
30.30	Ctry Casuals	158	-10	...	3.3	14.7
201.90	Courts Furnish	824	...	5.5	0.8	10.3
2.16	Crown Eyes•	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
1,942.50	Dairy Farm Intl	117	-8	...	3.1	17.2
112.40	Dewhirst (I)	89½	...	0.8	1.1	28.7
1,082.30	Dixons Grp	274	-4	...	2.8	...
6.30	ERA Gp	11	-1	...	...	...
6.36	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
17.70	Essex Furn	155	-2	...	2.3	∞
145.00	Etam	222	-18	7.0	4.0	20.2
425.90	Fine Art Dev	535	-11	12.7	3.0	17.5
2.68	Fired Earth Tiles	47	...	...	...	...
13.80	Formminster	585	+5	14.0	3.0	10.6
20.80	French Conn•	130	...	...	...	...
26.30	Gem SR	71	...	2.1	3.7	∞
16.40	Goldsmiths Gp	75	-2	0.3	0.5	...
5,784.50	GUS	579	+32	...	2.4	18.4
3.44	Hampden Grp•	23	...	...	5.4	11.4
48.20	Harstone	46	-2	...	7.6	...
32.50	Helene Plc	26	+½	2.0	9.7	12.3
3.31	Heringe	75	...	...	...	...
5.93	Honeysuckle•	73	+4	...	3.9	∞
14.80	Jacques Vert	156	...	...	2.4	14.0
4,468.80	Kingfisher	672	+10	...	2.6	23.1
34.30	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.1	14.4
43.80	Liberty	565	...	7.3	1.6	60.5
362.10	Lloyds Chem	307	+33	7.2	3.0	∞
791.70	MFI	136	-4	...	3.4	28.6
11,376.50	Marks Spencer	411 †	+11½	...	2.6	21.0
318.00	Menzies (John)	572	-1	...	2.4	16.2
38.60	Moss Bros	231	-19	5.5	3.0	27.1
684.50	Next	185½	+1	3.5	2.4	22.1
9.61	Oliver (G)	38	...	...	...	...
161.80	Oriflame Ind	303	...	...	4.0	14.8
56.10	Pentos	39	-5	0.8	2.6	8.1
74.70	QS Hldgs	190	...	5.1	3.4	13.5
31.30	Rhino Grp•	58½	...	...	...	...
31.60	Rosebys	168	...	...	3.6	20.2
160.70	Sherwood Gp	144	-2	...	2.3	13.0
1,796.90	Sears	119	+2	...	3.7	...
80.60	Signet Group	27½	-1½	...	...	...
1,264.90	Smith (WH) 'A'	464	-1	...	3.8	15.2
2.80	Specialeyes•	18	...	...	...	...
834.20	Storehouse	201	-15	...	3.1	19.6
96.50	T & S Stores	151	-3	6.0	5.0	11.2
72.20	Tie Rack	140	-5	1.0	0.9	22.9
119.90	Time Products	227	+3	7.7	4.3	19.3
7.34	Usher (Frank)•	105	+1	...	7.1	9.1
19.80	Vivas	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
3.14	Wensum•	42 †	-½	...	5.6	...
426.80	Wickes	114 †	+6	...	0.2	51.8
5.04	Wrld of Leather•	62	...	...	...	...
62.40	Wyevale•	163 †	-12	...	3.3	21.6
4.63	Xtra-vision•	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
300.60	ACT Group	163 †	+5½	...	3.8	16.4
36.60	Acal•	253	...	...	3.1	17.6
59.80	Acorn Comp•	90	-3	...	...	45.6
40.70	Admiral	469	...	5.7	1.5	19.8
75.50	Alba	163	...	...	3.7	20.4
10.80	Alphameric	40	-2	...	...	...
329.60	Amstrad	39½	-12½	0.5	1.6	∞
14.70	App Holo•	71	...	...	...	...
22.30	Arlen	37	...	...	...	...
218.40	Astec	70½	-6	...	0.4	...
23.90	Beales Hunter	243	-2	...	4.8	15.0
2.65	Bennett & Fount	2½	+¼	...	...	...
1,341.50	BICC	381	-8	19.2	6.3	78.4
139.70	Blick	458	+28	...	2.8	16.4
340.80	Borland•	1303	...	...	...	...
564.50	Bowthorpe	338 †	-11	6.4	2.4	22.1
29,137.20	BT	469½	+7	...	4.3	17.9
5,843.80	BT P/P	219	+7	...	4.3	22.3
4.43	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	+1½	0.1	0.7	...
30.20	Burnfield	88	-1	5.7	8.2	13.9
10,080.80	Cable Wireless	462	-35	...	2.1	24.0
52.40	Chloride	22	...	...	...	...
47.30	CML Micro•	270	+2	...	2.2	19.6
15.30	Comptr People	110	...	...	...	...
324.00	Cray Elect	147	+2½	...	1.3	15.1
47.90	Critchley	415	-8	...	1.5	23.7
708.00	Delta	477	-3	...	3.3	19.9
18.30	Denmans El•	420	+27	...	1.8	17.9
109.80	Domino	429	-5	7.4	2.2	14.7
90.90	Dowding Mills	62	+1	...	5.0	26.6
76.80	Druck•	1200	+10	10.0	1.0	25.6
930.30	Electrocomponts	443 †	-9½	...	2.4	18.1
61.30	El Data Prc	705	...	5.1	0.9	19.3
34.70	Electron House	131	+1	2.6	2.5	28.7
23.30	Emess	22	+1	0.1	0.6	...
281.60	Eurotherm	630	+2	8.5	1.6	28.7
822.30	FKI	185½	+7½	...	2.2	36.9
679.40	Farnell Elect	507	+4	...	1.6	26.8
6.52	Feedback•	77	+6	...	2.4	10.0
9.36	Ferranti	1	-½	...	...	...
38.30	First Tech	258	-14	...	0.5	21.5
20.00	Forward Gp•	248	+15	...	2.0	22.2
4.93	Forward Tech	14½	...	...	...	...
9,213.60	GEC	337	+3	10.3	3.8	16.9
97.20	Graseby	153	-4	...	8.9	32.2
27.60	Greystone	10½	-½	...	...	...
1.80	Hiclare•	48	+8	...	1.3	...
6.46	INSTEM•	135	...	...	2.9	9.7
60.20	Ind Control	151	-3	4.4	3.6	∞
70.60	Jones Stroud	388	...	...	2.8	15.6
32.30	Kalamazoo	85	-2	2.1	3.1	19.7
3.85	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
119.30	Kenwood App	329	-1	...	3.0	18.2
31.20	Kewill Sys•	281	+6	...	...	...
15.30	Kode	165	...	6.0	4.5	19.6
4.03	Laser-Scan•	25	-3	...	...	...
42.70	LPMS•	238	-7	...	0.4	33.6
16.00	Lec Refrig	266	...	9.0	4.2	...
239.50	Life Sciences	135	+3	3.7	3.5	14.6
164.20	Logica	267	-4	...	1.9	30.8
4.34	LPA Ind•	52	...	...	8.5	14.7
120.80	MR Data Mngmt	218	+23	...	3.0	20.5
152.90	Macro 4	673	-7	...	3.3	20.5
104.90	Memtec-Sw•	215	+5	...	2.1	19.0
193.50	Micro Focus	1363	-165	...	...	12.6
61.10	Microgen	155	-3	7.2	5.8	10.6
19.90	Microvitec•	30½	...	...	...	...
202.10	Misys	521	-2	...	1.7	19.0
321.60	Mitel	407	-66	...	...	...
16.20	MMT Compt•	153	+12	...	3.3	∞
7.64	Molynx	40½	-¾	1.3	...	...
44.40	MTL Inst•	252	...	...	1.8	19.0
21.10	Multitone Elect	140	...	3.5	3.1	25.4
22.40	Murray Enter	235	...	...	2.1	...
5,860.80	NYNEX	2857½	-62½	...	...	...
33.40	Neotronics	130	-1	2.6	2.5	16.8
2.60	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
19.90	Norbain•	262	...	...	0.7	20.2
11.90	Northamber	67	...	0.6	1.1	...
11.70	Oceonics	8½	+¼	...	...	...
140.60	Oxford Inst	291	-4	4.6	2.0	19.9
16.00	P-E Internl	73	...	...	...	...
65.00	P & P	163	+6	1.5	3.0	33.5
87.40	Peek	76	-1	3.4	5.6	19.8
13.80	Pegasus•	214	...	...	3.7	54.9
12.20	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
4,394.30	-do- Lmp nv	1375	+12½	...	...	...
99.40	Phonelink•	280	...	...	...	...
25.30	Pifco	273	-2	...	1.9	22.0
18.10	-do- 'A' Voting	263	-2	...	2.0	22.0
3.48	Plasmec•	75	...	...	5.0	6.3
26.80	Pressac	105	...	...	3.1	22.3
40.90	Psion•	186	+3	...	1.7	49.4
538.00	Racal Elect	192½	-20½	4.2	2.8	11.4
8.49	Radamec	46	-2	...	4.1	9.8
9.82	Radius•	36	-1	2.2	7.8	12.4
4.62	Real Time•	66	-7	...	5.7	13.5
7.02	Riva•	27	...	...	...	34.2
88.60	Sage Gp	432	-5	9.3	2.7	13.8
27.10	Sanderson Elec	304	+2	9.9	4.1	13.0
27.50	Scantronic	72	...	3.1	5.4	18.2
63.20	Scholes Grp	165	-7	...	3.8	21.4
282.10	Sema Gp	321	+4	2.0	1.1	26.0
13.10	Silverthorne	40	...	...	2.9	...
5.10	Soundtracks•	51	...	...	5.6	17.2
3,156.00	TDK	2400	-43½	...	1.3	27.2
1.00	TDS Circuits•	11½	-½	...	...	...
137.60	Telemetrix	152	-4	0.8	0.7	25.0
4,024.80	Thorn EMI	947	+17	...	4.2	19.3
16.10	Thorpe FW	125	-6	...	2.7	14.6
4.54	Total Systems•	44	-4	3.0	8.5	7.8
90.40	Tunstall	365	-5	5.7	1.3	22.6
167.20	Unitech	245	-19	...	3.1	58.0
18.00	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31.10	Vistec•	25½	-1½	...	1.8	14.6
5,221.40	Vodafone	524	-20	...	1.7	23.7
110.60	Volex	419	-21	18.1	5.5	16.9
2.86	Western Selectn	19	-1	...	...	...
38.60	Wholesale Ftgs	272	...	11.7	5.4	28.9

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,239.50	East Midlands	568	+12	...	4.3	10.7
1,608.20	Eastern Elec	594	+7	...	4.0	11.9
1,541.70	Hydro-Elect	402	+17	...	3.5	14.6
1,310.80	London Elec	601	+26	...	4.1	13.3
775.80	Manweb	653	+14	...	4.0	9.4
1,295.30	Midlands Elec	618	+15	...	4.0	11.1
5,278.10	National Powr	413 †	+17	...	3.5	10.2
779.20	Northern Elec	633	+15	...	4.2	9.1
325.10	Nthn Ireland	199	+8	...	3.9	10.7
1,129.50	Norweb	654	+26	20.0	3.9	10.1
3,684.80	PowerGen	470	+8	...	2.8	12.4
3,349.70	Scottish Power	411	+21	...	3.4	15.3
822.40	Seeboard	645	+23	...	3.9	10.4
673.60	Sth Wales	663	+23	...	4.2	11.0
744.80	Sth Western	605	+18	...	4.1	9.6
1,674.80	Southern Elec	618	+15	...	4.0	11.3
1,300.40	Yorkshire Elec	627	+5	...	4.1	11.8

FINANCE, LAND

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
33.30	Aitken Hume	55	...	1.0	2.3	11.7
23.30	BWD•	125	-8	...	3.4	19.5
30.50	Baltic Plc	101	...	...	1.2	...
444.60	Caledonia	535	+1	...	3.5	19.9
45.00	Camellia	1800	...	...	2.1	6.7
67.30	Candover	302	-2	10.4	4.3	21.4
92.30	Flextech•	269	+20	...	0.2	...
236.10	Govett	336	-3	...	4.9	9.9
43.80	Ivory Sime	151	+4	...	5.4	14.2
2.88	LIT	5	+¼	...	...	...
228.00	Lon Forfaiting•	228	-4	8.7	4.8	16.6
15.00	Manakin	74	...	5.0	8.4	∞
8.79	Nat Home Loan	8½	...	...	...	...
18.50	Newmarket	52	...	...	...	...
62.40	Rathbone Brs	317	-6	6.5	2.6	19.3
61.60	Rutland Tst	24	-¼	...	4.2	14.3
32.60	S & U	305	...	10.2	4.2	11.3
153.90	Singer & Fried	80	...	...	4.7	...
339.30	Sotheby's	1000	+50	...	3.4	...
320.30	SJP Capital	117	+2	3.0	3.2	48.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
10,045.90	Amer Express	2087½	+6½	...	...	...
210.40	Henderson Ad	983	-42	...	5.4	22.4
377.90	Invesco	153	-4	...	2.5	...
2,494.10	Jardine Strat	264	-22	...	3.0	11.0
735.20	MAI	226	+1	...	3.8	14.3
1,211.10	MAM	644 †	-15	16.0	3.1	16.1
711.90	M & G	948	+3	...	2.8	25.2
197.10	Smith New Crt	379	-13	...	2.0	5.7
28.40	Trio Hldgs	51	-19	...	7.4	...

FOODS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2,204.60	AB Food	491	+12	...	3.9	10.0
1,551.00	ASDA Group	53½	+3½	1.6	3.7	12.8
104.30	Acatos & Hutch	316	+25	7.6	3.0	18.2
381.30	Albert Fisher	63	+7	3.7	7.4	∞
3,051.80	Argyll	272	+14	...	5.0	10.0
19.20	Banks (S C)	228	...	9.0	4.9	10.2
57.60	Barr (AG)	305	-5	6.5	2.7	15.4
11.60	Bensons Crisps•	64	-4	...	5.6	14.4
99.30	Berisford Intl	100	-8	...	...	...
869.00	Booker	404	+13	...	6.7	26.0
28.00	Borthwick	48½	+1	...	3.1	60.2
245.40	Brake Bros	484 †	+1	6.3	1.6	20.1
68.30	Budgen	42	-2	...	3.0	12.8
3,808.80	Cadbury-Schw	460	-10	...	3.7	16.2
8.78	Carrs Milling	129	-3	3.9	3.8	25.8
19.60	Cranswick	145	...	...	6.9	10.9
3.40	Cullens	13	-½	0.5	4.8	37.3
16.00	Dalepak	138	+3	6.0	5.4	10.9
1,056.10	Dalgety	462	+22	...	5.5	13.2
4.16	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
329.40	Devro	244	+3	...	2.8	23.2
26.10	Everest	104	...	...	4.4	18.9
84.40	Farepak	373	-2	5.7	1.9	23.0
1.93	Farringford	7½	...	...	...	...
73.80	Finlay (James)	74 †	+1	...	7.0	24.6
294.60	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.4	18.9
236.90	Geest	330 †	-7½	...	3.1	14.9
16.90	Global•	14	+½	...	4.5	21.8
19.40	Grand Central	49	...	0.8	2.0	...
373.30	Hazlewood Fds	161	+1	...	5.0	9.1
1,060.10	Hillsdown	154	+8	8.8	7.1	12.1
466.70	Iceland Group	170	+6	...	2.6	10.7
42.30	JLI Group	102	-3	...	5.7	11.3
902.30	Kwik Save	584	-7	16.7	3.6	11.2
80.60	Low (Wm)	151	+4	8.4	7.2	∞
91.80	Matthews (B)	74	-4	2.3	4.0	48.5
10.90	Merchant Retail	12	-3	0.9	10.1	24.2
642.30	Morrison (W)	90	+1	...	1.2	11.7
90.10	Nichols (JN)	228	...	5.5	3.0	16.5
1,312.20	Nthn Foods	229	+1	...	4.6	11.4
5.73	Nrthmbrn Fn•	12	...	...	...	...
228.40	Nurdin Peack	180	+3	...	4.3	10.0
124.50	Park Foods	238	...	...	3.2	18.3
99.50	Perkins Food	81	-1	...	6.9	9.3
53.50	PizzaExpress	101	+3	...	0.6	21.3
5.60	Regina Hlth•	4	...	...	...	...
6,079.40	Sainsbury J	391	+26	...	3.3	13.6
3.18	Sentry Farm•	73	+2	...	2.6	13.1
32.30	Sims Food	108	-2	...	8.7	20.8
1,395.40	Tate & Lyle	390	+18	12.3	3.9	12.3
3,882.80	Tesco	198	+12½	...	4.6	9.0
106.40	Thorntons	167	-1	...	2.7	...
14.40	Treatt•	151	...	...	3.1	17.2
634.00	Unigate	357	-16	...	5.8	11.5
1,743.00	Utd Biscuits	332	+4	...	5.8	20.5
19.80	Usborne	21½	...	...	2.1	15.9
112.50	Watson & Phil	290	-5	13.2	5.7	15.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3.12	Abrdn Stk Ho•	36	...	...	...	...
160.30	City Centre Rest	84	-6	1.5	2.3	20.3
2,009.80	Forte	237	+10	...	4.0	18.6
25.20	Friendly Hotels	152	...	...	4.7	29.6
8.47	Harmony Leis•	10½	-½	...	...	...
34.40	Jurys Hotel	130	-2	...	4.9	10.5
1,825.60	Ladbroke	160	-8	11.1	8.7	13.7
529.80	Mandarin Orntl	78	-3	...	4.3	19.3
439.00	Queens Moat	47½	...	...	3.7	...
160.50	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
5.97	Regal Hotels•	1½	...	...	...	...
49.80	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
12.10	Ryan Hotels K	18½	...	...	6.4	...
228.20	Savoy Hotel 'A'	798	+10	7.0	1.1	...
225.00	Stakis	59	+4	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
8.05	AAF Inds	35	+1	...	...	2.1
439.40	AAH	500½	+2½	...	4.3	16.1
24.40	AIM	175	...	7.5	5.4	10.6
298.40	APV	101½	-1½	...	6.7	...
97.20	ASW	145	+1	...	3.2	...
132.50	Adwest	163	-2	...	5.5	15.7
7.22	Aerospace Eng	19	...	...	4.9	25.0
64.90	Airsprung	274	-1	...	2.3	17.5
57.30	Alexdra W	170	-9	4.1	3.0	26.9
3.44	Allied Radio	7	-½	...	...	...
86.00	Alumasc	283	...	...	2.6	16.7
19.80	Alvis	36	...	1.0	3.5	7.4
22.10	Amber Ind	565	...	...	4.1	12.9
2.96	Amberley Gp•	46	+1	...	2.7	...
38.10	Anagen	82	...	...	...	...
12.10	Andrews Sykes	85	...	...	6.5	...
301.80	Antofagasta	960	-8	...	2.1	17.7
12.60	Armour	46½	-1	...	4.4	11.0
39.90	Ash & Lacy	153	+3	6.4	5.2	15.6
7.81	Ass Br Eng	3	...	...	2.1	...
131.50	Avon Rubber	498	-5	...	4.1	19.9
28.30	Assoc Nursg•	255	-10	...	0.5	15.6
54.10	Atlas Equip	520	-3	...	5.3	13.1
7.50	Ayrshire Metal	75	...	...	...	...
752.90	BBA	186	+4	...	5.0	15.8
5.84	BLP Group•	88	...	...	...	...
21.30	BM Gp	19½	-2½	3.4	22.1	0.8
2,941.20	BOC	618	-13	...	4.8	14.3
180.50	BSG	69½	-1	...	5.8	24.2
126.70	BSS Group	487	-1	...	4.4	29.2
12,205.00	BTR	357½	-2	...	3.9	20.0
137.80	BWI	153 †	-2½	...	5.5	14.2
154.70	Babcock	28½	-5½	...	9.1	17.2
4.12	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
292.90	Baird (Wm)	259	+5	8.9	4.4	17.7
1,399.00	Barlow Rand	712½	-59½	...	4.7	∞
84.30	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	3.0	25.0
3.67	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
2.43	Beckenham•	2½	...	...	...	...
1.47	Bedford (W)•	31	-2	...	...	...
20.90	Benson Group	16	+½	...	2.3	12.1
79.30	Bespak	315	-15	10.0	4.0	9.9
90.70	Bibby (J)	58	-6	2.0	4.3	∞
4.18	Billam (J)	258	-5	5.3	2.6	13.0
2.36	Bilston Battrsea•	28	...	...	...	...
4.81	Bimec Ind	4	+½	...	...	...
47.50	Birkby	218	...	3.5	2.0	20.7
7.67	Black Arrow	31	-7	2.1	8.6	9.6
7.31	Black & Edgtn•	1½	+¼	...	...	...
137.50	Black (Peter)	251	+8	3.7	1.9	22.1
44.20	Bluebird Toys•	568	+68	...	1.0	17.3
164.20	Bodycote	284 †	+2	...	3.3	18.2
1.45	Bogod 'A'	30	...	0.7	2.9	11.2
5,361.20	Boots	516 †	+6	...	3.3	20.4
2.00	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
2,170.60	Bowater	435	+24	...	3.4	18.2
490.60	Bowater Inc	1354	+37	...	...	...
60.60	Boxmore Intl•	273	-2	...	1.7	20.4
11.30	Brasway	14½	...	...	4.4	...
131.30	Brammer	293	-4	13.0	5.5	21.8
6.16	Bridgend Gp	21	...	0.4	...	...
70.30	Bridon	126 †	+3½	...	4.0	...
7.01	Bridport-Gndry	70	-3	2.5	4.5	∞
1,135.30	Brierley Inv	45	+3	...	7.5	∞
25.20	Br Bldg & Eng	225	...	8.0	4.4	∞
2.96	Br Bloodstock•	78	...	...	...	...
125.20	Br Polythene	430	-20	...	3.1	15.1
2,380.00	Br Steel	119	-5½	...	1.6	...
28.80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
25.90	Br Thornton	161	+6	...	1.9	17.0
516.70	Br Vita	240	-4	7.3	3.8	14.8
71.90	Britton Grp	14	+½	...	1.6	...
12,857.30	Broken Hill	776	-3	...	2.3	36.6
66.50	Bromsgrve Ind	93	-4	...	5.9	12.1
3.36	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
13.70	Brown & Tawse	43	-3	...	...	...
149.70	Bullough	124	...	6.0	6.1	21.2
8.63	Business Tech•	18½	-1	...	...	...
13.80	CI Group	16	-5	0.5	4.6	15.0
5.77	Campbll & Arm	40	+2	...	...	...
33.60	Cannon St	32½	+3	...	...	...
138.00	Cape	260	+1	...	5.0	17.6
1,968.80	Caradon	332	...	...	3.3	26.8
296.10	-do- pf	164½	+½	7.2	5.5	...
152.80	Carclo Eng	253	+1	8.6	4.2	18.0
1,789.60	Carnaud Mtl	2218	+30	...	2.8	...
4.21	Cassidy Bros•	71	+5	...	3.8	12.8
41.80	Castings	198	-5	4.3	2.7	14.0
157.20	Cathay Intl	56	-3	...	...	...
13.50	Chamberln Hill	185 †	-8	6.5	4.4	11.6
503.40	Charter	737	+8	...	3.7	17.4
63.00	Chemring	323	-13	...	3.3	19.5
4.34	Chieftain Gp•	50	...	4.5	11.3	10.7
12.30	Chillington	38	-3	1.0	3.4	...
335.20	Christies Int	209	-1	...	0.9	51.9
10.90	Clayhithe	65	+2	...	4.8	...
1.25	Clayton Son	57	...	...	...	...
1.22	Co Designers•	7 #	...	...	...	...
7.48	Cohen (A)	403	...	3.4	1.1	...
75.90	Community H	232	-1	...	3.7	15.8
113.10	Concentric	209	...	...	3.3	17.6
53.70	Cook (Wm)	245 †	-7½	6.0	3.1	14.8
1,149.00	Cookson	205	-2	...	3.7	27.1
7.71	Copymore•	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
64.20	Crmwll Pkr 'A'	159	+15	...	4.5	21.5
15.30	Cosalt	133	+16	8.6	8.1	20.2
8.47	Creighton Nts•	205	...	...	4.5	14.7
50.70	CrestaCare	70	-2	0.6	2.7	26.0
1,750.70	Dana	3812½	-50	...	...	...
562.80	Danka Bs Sys	300	...	...	0.6	28.4
124.80	David Brown	217	-1	...	3.5	15.4
1.44	Davies (DY)•	18	...	...	...	...
1,321.80	De La Rue	793	+39	...	3.0	20.9
3.84	Dinkie Heel	29	...	1.1	4.8	22.7
315.30	Diploma	566	+1	10.7	2.3	29.5
103.80	Dobson Park	83	+1	5.0	7.6	14.9
1.80	Dyson (J&J)	109	...	5.0	5.7	20.1
8.68	-do- 'A'	72	...	5.0	8.7	13.2
6.56	EFG	14	-1	...	...	...
178.20	EIS	404 †	+½	...	3.7	16.0
2.79	Elbief	22	-1	...	...	...
13.90	Eleco	48	-2	...	...	0.00
1,799.80	Electrolux 'B'	2512½	+169½	...	2.1	...
28.10	Elliott (B)	67	-1	...	...	...
1,340.00	Eng China Cl	411	-3	...	6.1	23.9
19.60	Enviromed	136	-2	...	...	58.4
5,442.40	Ericsson 'B'	2000	-453½	...	1.0	...
26.20	Eurocopy	54	-10	1.0	2.3	21.0
30.80	Expamet	63	-2	...	4.8	1.5
251.80	Fairey Group	675	...	10.7	2.0	20.8
81.40	Farmer	118	-2	...	...	...
7.04	Ferraris Group	72	+3	2.0	3.5	∞
5.89	Ferromet•	15½	...	...	...	...
5.21	Fertrum	16	-1	1.4	10.9	11.2
6.42	Fife Indmar	61	+1	0.7	1.5	...
1,002.10	Fisons	145 †	+5	...	7.5	13.4
62.00	Fitzwilton	53	...	...	8.6	...
82.20	Flogas	253	-20	...	3.9	11.6
10.80	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	5.4	19.9
10.30	French (Thomas)	86	...	3.6	5.3	43.1
158.40	Frost Group	225	-3	...	2.5	29.2
31.30	Gill Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
1,382.60	GKN	486	+11	...	5.3	32.4
6.06	GR Hldgs	46 †	+3½	...	4.9	...
3.56	Garton Eng	94	...	4.1	5.5	...
288.80	Gestetner	138	-5	8.2	7.4	6.0
11.60	Glaves	51	-4	...	...	36.9
19,540.80	Glaxo	643	-11	...	4.3	16.8
8.35	Glenchewton	32	+3	...	...	...
633.30	Glynwed	307	+4	11.6	4.7	28.9
64.00	Goode Durrant	121	+1	...	5.6	...
91.20	Grampian Hd	132	-3	5.5	5.2	22.6
2,213.60	Granada	473	+3	7.9	2.1	25.2
52.60	Great Sthrn•	446	...	...	3.2	18.3
7.08	Green (Ernest)•	88	...	...	9.9	∞
23.80	Greenacre•	13½	+½	...	2.7	13.6
1.23	Guardian Grp•	6½	...	...	...	...
57.60	Hadan MacLn	65½	+½	...	3.8	23.6
5.65	Hadleigh Inds•	78	-4	...	0.8	...
83.90	Hall Eng	276	+2	8.6	3.9	23.0
392.40	Halma	200	...	...	1.2	26.9
27.90	Hampson Ind	45	+1	1.6	4.4	14.9
14,103.40	Hanson	281	+3½	...	5.1	14.3
17.70	Hardy (Phillip)	158	-1	...	5.4	9.6
1,244.80	Harrisn Crsfld	179	...	9.0	6.3	25.8
30.60	Havelock Euro	118	-3	...	...	...
5.70	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
4.83	Headway	30	+6	0.7	2.9	∞
2.27	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
830.20	Hepworth	403	+6	14.8	4.6	17.4
11.90	Hewitt (J)	211	-2	3.2	1.9	16.5
2.61	High-Point	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
49.20	Hill & Smith	165	+2	...	4.3	23.0
15.50	Hobson•	17	+2½	...	...	...
5.36	Holders Tech•	172	...	...	4.4	22.4
37.40	Hopkinsons	48	-1	0.9	2.3	36.3
14.60	Hornby•	180	...	...	6.3	17.0
224.20	Howden	80	-1	2.2	3.4	14.8
223.00	Hunting	232	-2	...	5.4	19.6
126.30	Huntleigh Tech•	448	...	...	2.8	11.4
951.10	IMI	293	+4	...	4.3	26.0
44.20	ISA Intl	114	...	1.5	1.7	17.7
34.60	Intercare Gp•	135	...	...	2.5	14.3
34.50	Isotron	278	...	4.3	2.0	∞
4,397.90	Jardine Math	617	-38	...	2.0	22.5
867.50	Johnson Matth	458	-16	...	2.8	20.1
59.50	Johnson & FB	39½	+½	3.0	9.5	12.2
15.50	Johnston	148	+2	3.2	...	...
6.42	Jones Stlpman	25	...	...	...	...
5.68	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.2	...
21.80	Kalon	160	-12	...	2.7	22.2
7.74	Kelsey Ind	252	...	8.0	4.0	...
226.00	Kershaw (A)	650	-10	27.0	5.2	33.7
29.70	Kleeneze	214	-1	...	...	...
6.36	LGW•	143	...	3.4	3.0	11.9
385.60	Laird	329	-1	...	4.0	16.2
41.10	Lilleshall	153	...	...	3.6	20.1
14.00	Lincat•	205	+1	...	3.7	14.4
4.76	Lincoln Hse•	29½	-2½	...	...	24.3
12.70	Linread	106	-1	3.8	4.5	16.4
40.00	Linton Park	260	+5	...	6.7	9.4
19.60	Lionheart	10	...	0.2	2.5	...
3.25	Locker (T) A	17½	-2½	0.8	6.1	25.2
242.00	Lon Intl	143	+3	9.4	8.3	10.9
1,063.80	Lonrho	138½	+11½	...	3.6	...
331.80	Low & Bonar	340	-7	...	3.4	47.6
58.60	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
15.20	MS Intl	56	+1	...	5.6	57.7
19.60	MY Holdings	47	...	...	3.4	∞
152.00	Macfarlane	204	...	...	2.1	22.8
382.90	McKechnie	418	+5	14.7	4.4	∞
61.10	McLeod Russel	101	-1	6.0	7.4	12.3
7.80	Maddox	1½	...	...	...	9.6
5.74	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
17.50	Mang Bronze	106	-3	2.5	2.9	∞
44.30	Marling	25	-½	...	3.3	...
40.70	Mayborn•	205	+6	...	3.2	15.7
109.00	Mayflower	53	...	...	1.0	45.9
338.40	Medeva	124	...	...	2.4	10.1
212.60	Meggitt	98½	+½	...	4.9	18.8
89.00	Metair	110	-1	...	4.2	18.0
36.60	Metrotec	152	...	...	2.7	21.1
15.10	Metsec•	98	...	...	...	...
41.70	Midstates	86	...	...	1.1	12.0
8.67	Mining & Alld	27	...	0.5	2.3	...
158.10	Molins	510	...	...	3.5	12.3
687.20	Morgan Cble	315½	-3½	...	5.0	16.5
20.10	Morris Ashby•	172	-1	...	3.9	13.1
7.94	Neepsend	33	...	1.0	3.8	43.6
46.40	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
23.20	Nobo Gp	190	...	4.8	3.2	18.8
286.50	Norcros	164	+2	...	3.3	20.5
24.00	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
156.10	Nu-Swift	353	...	...	...	∞
3.61	Office Elec Mac	59	-2	...	...	...
19.40	OMG Intl	43½	...	...	5.0	...
12.30	PCT•	161	...	...	5.6	18.3
4.04	Pacer Systems•	86	...	...	5.0	...
335.10	Pentland	93	...	...	3.5	12.6
192.50	Photo-Me	334	-5	4.6	1.8	21.0
1,192.60	Pilkington	151½	+3½	...	3.3	...
63.00	Plasmbrook	85	-1	3.1	4.6	13.4
209.30	Polypipe	134	-4	2.1	2.0	∞
15.10	Porter Chadburn	16	-4	...	3.1	7.3
2.11	Porth Gp•	11	...	...	...	...
272.00	Powerscreen	319½	-21½	...	2.7	16.3
34.00	Prospect Inds	19½	-½	0.7	4.9	9.6
6.70	RPS Group•	56	-7	2.3	5.1	12.4
1.22	Radiant Metal	90	+5	...	...	...
32.00	Ramco Oil•	177	...	...	0.7	39.3
2,838.40	Rank Org	868	+33	31.0	4.5	23.7
9.07	Ransomes	10	...	...	...	...
2,471.30	Reckitt Colm	659	+16	...	3.2	15.2
23.30	Record	70	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
5.79	Reece	4½	...	...	...	...
54.40	Relyon	259	+1	5.0	2.4	31.1
142.50	Renishaw	292	...	...	2.8	34.7
74.40	Renold	113	+14	...	1.9	...
6,752.10	Reuters	1627	-25	22.1	1.7	36.9
14.50	Rexmore	79	-1	2.0	3.3	...
57.20	Ricardo Group	181	-4	...	3.9	25.6
6.20	Richard (Leics)	74	...	3.7	6.3	...
19.70	Richardson West	75	...	3.0	5.1	19.2
8.24	Ropner	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
19.10	-do- 'A'	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
18.30	Ross Gp	16	-7	0.6	5.1	6.5
144.30	Rotork	166	-3	...	2.8	19.4
33.40	Rubicon	165	...	...	3.3	23.2
14.80	Russell (A)	83	...	...	1.8	...
18.10	SEP Indl	29½	...	...	3.2	27.0
653.40	SKF 'B'	1025	-25	...	...	...
59.00	Saville Gordn (J)	59	+1	...	4.7	29.4
466.90	Scapa	208	-1	...	3.4	15.8
132.40	Scholl	197	-3	...	4.0	14.3
1.79	Scot Heritable	5 #	...	...	...	...
46.50	Securicor	1120	+3	2.6	0.3	42.6
873.10	-do- 'A'	832	+15	2.6	0.4	31.7
813.30	Security Serv	742	+13	5.1	0.9	36.7
294.10	Senior Eng	122	-2	...	3.3	20.4
94.40	Seton Health	318	+3	...	2.4	18.7
3.26	Sheldon Jones•	63	...	...	...	...
8.26	Sidlott	143	-3	3.0	2.6	15.4
174.50	Sidlaw	319	+2	10.5	4.2	∞
2,332.60	Siebe	545	-8	...	2.4	20.5
160.50	Silentnight	340	-8	...	2.9	18.4
2,334.40	Sime Darby•	149	+5	...	3.6	∞
75.40	Simon Eng	75	-2	...	...	...
39.90	Sinclair (Wm)	183	...	...	4.6	14.2
19.40	Six Hundred	36	-6	...	5.3	...
1,419.00	Smith & Neph	137½	+3	...	4.3	15.3
5,503.40	Smithkline	402 †	-6½	9.6	3.0	14.5
4,399.40	Smithkline Uts	374 †	+4½	...	3.2	12.7
1,282.70	Smiths Ind	431	+17	...	3.4	17.5
72.40	Sthn Bus	75	-5	3.5	5.8	7.1
49.70	Spandex•	462	...	...	1.8	20.5
28.50	Spear (JW)	550	-110	4.5	1.0	10.3
268.20	Spirax-Sarco	347	+3	...	3.4	21.8
186.80	Spring Ram	59½	-2½	...	0.6	18.1
231.60	Staveley	203 †	-½	...	5.2	11.5
49.30	Sterling Ind	176	+7	...	4.0	27.0
179.60	Suter	164	-2	9.0	6.9	17.2
	Swire Pacific 'A'	468	-19	...	1.9	∞
3.89	Sycamore	3	...	...	...	...
4.59	Sykes-Pick	54 †	+½	...	7.1	10.3
25.00	Sylone	153	...	...	3.9	20.3
1,683.30	TI	362	-1	...	3.7	24.7
6.13	TLS Range•	26	...	...	1.2	...
327.40	TT Group	330	-4	...	2.6	19.7
279.30	Takare	223	+19	...	1.0	19.4
6,944.00	Takeda Chem	794	-39	...	0.8	15.1
3.65	Tex Hldgs	55	+2	...	...	...
7.14	Tinsley (E)•	98	-1	...	7.0	15.1
26.90	Titon•	239	-1	...	2.0	20.8
2,591.40	Tomkins	232	-2	...	3.4	17.1
1,016.90	Trafalgar H	99½	+1	...	4.2	7.0
79.30	Transfer Tech	83	-2	3.2	4.8	10.5
92.90	Triplex Lloyd	144	-16	...	6.1	17.3
371.80	Unichem	265	+3	6.4	3.0	17.4
70.30	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	18.3
9.59	Unigroup	31	...	...	...	...
8,969.70	Unilever	1106	+20	22.2	2.5	15.0
12,027.90	Unilever (NV)	7487½	-215½	...	2.8	12.3
309.60	VSEL	857 †	-½	...	4.7	8.8
17.10	Verson	12½	...	...	...	...
483.20	Vickers	147	-2	...	1.9	...
116.50	Victaulic	261	-8	...	3.7	13.0
182.40	Vinten	447	...	...	2.0	20.8
199.30	Vosper Thorny	645	-3	...	3.2	15.5
4.57	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	7.8	11.2
192.30	Wagon Ind	435	-4	...	5.0	19.2
90.00	Walker Greenbk	94	...	3.1	4.1	24.0
380.00	Wassall	249	-1	2.7	1.4	25.1
311.90	Wrtford Wdgwd	44	+1	...	...	...
412.40	Weir	264	-32	...	2.9	14.9
5,488.10	Wellcome	633 †	-32½	17.3	3.4	∞
6.44	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
169.80	West Hlthcare	333	...	...	1.4	∞
109.90	Whatman	482	...	9.7	2.5	16.3
66.30	Whessoe	228	-8	...	4.4	8.9
31.70	Whitecroft	72½	-10	...	...	...
13.40	Widney	10	+1	...	...	...
21.20	Wilkes (James)	120	...	3.5	...	35.1
1,582.70	Williams Hldg	323	-5	12.5	4.8	16.9
35.90	Wilshaw	44½	+4½	...	1.5	29.0
1,939.10	Wolseley	729	+17	...	2.3	21.5
2.70	Wood (Arthur)	135	-10	1.5	1.4	49.2
11.80	Wyko	36	...	...	3.5	...
7.29	Young (H)	44	-8	3.0	8.5	16.1

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
487.00	Alex & Alex	1275	-50	...	5.2	...
4,105.90	Am Gen	1900	-31½	...	3.9	...
15.00	Archer (AR)	59	...	2.7	5.2	38.7
10.40	Berry Bch Nbl•	159	...	...	4.2	12.3
73.20	Bradstock	135	-1	5.2	4.8	16.7
848.20	Britannic	469	-5	...	3.2	...
3,319.30	Com Union	597	-5	...	5.0	...
117.30	Dom & Gen	1725	-20	...	1.6	22.8
118.90	FAI	48	...	...	...	...
2,981.10	Gen Accident	661	-31	26.7	5.1	...
1,353.40	GRE	202	-3	7.1	4.4	16.8
258.60	Heath C E	399	-2	...	5.1	...
101.70	Hogg Gp	157 †	-2	8.1	6.5	14.2
220.50	JIB Group	174	-1	...	5.4	17.8
2,405.80	Legal & Gen	493	-14	...	4.9	30.0
2,625.80	Liberty Life	1126	+141	...	9.4	22.0
2,880.10	Lloyds Abbey	428	-8	17.3	5.1	15.4
189.30	Lloyd Thomp	280	-5	6.7	3.0	17.4
427.10	Londn & Man	355	-1	14.7	5.2	26.1
117.50	Lowndes Lmb	414	-11	13.5	4.1	14.9
3,997.10	Marsh McLn	5450	-87½	...	3.3	...
26.20	Oriel	127	+1	...	3.0	...
21.30	PWS	68	...	4.0	7.4	9.9
6,271.50	Prudential	332	-4	...	4.6	22.1
516.60	Refuge	1006	...	32.2	4.0	27.8
1,921.00	Royal	286	-10	...	2.7	...
981.50	Sedgwick	191	+9	...	3.9	23.5
68.30	Steel Burrill	146	-5	...	10.3	8.6
33.90	Sturge Hldgs	67	-1	6.5	12.1	6.8
2,961.70	Sun Alliance	367	+6	14.2	4.9	...
153.50	Trade Indemnty	84	+2	...	...	...
933.80	Transatlantic	315	+1	12.0	4.8	39.2
510.20	Utd Friendly	623	-8	15.1	3.0	27.2
972.90	Willis Corroon	233	-10	...	3.6	49.7
5.51	Windsor	20	+1	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
904.70	Alliance	1795	+35	45.5	3.2	39.3
227.40	Amer Trust	273	+5	5.2	2.4	56.6
476.20	Ang & O'seas	417	+4	6.8	2.1	32.9
72.00	BZW Conv	142½	+1	7.8	6.8	∞
280.60	Bankers	185	+2	3.6	2.5	50.8
167.20	Baring Tribune	326	+2	6.4	2.5	51.6
10.50	Berry Starq	202	...	2.2	1.4	65.7
409.00	Br Assets	106½	-3	4.2	5.1	∞
109.70	Br Empire Sec	82½	+1	0.9	1.4	∞
3.72	-do- Wnts	28	...	...	...	...
614.80	Br Inv	197	+3	4.5	2.9	44.4
41.20	Contl Asset	190	...	2.4	1.6	63.2
17.80	Derby Inc	149	+2	...	12.0	9.0
41.50	-do- Cap	273	+5	...	...	...
10.40	Drayton Blue	82	+4	8.4	12.8	9.1
34.00	-do- Eng Intl	75 †	+4	1.0	1.7	...
146.20	-do- Far East	126½	-7½	0.6	0.6	...
31.50	-do- Korea	137	+12	0.5	0.5	...
209.50	Dunedin Inc G	661	-3	...	4.9	30.4
33.20	-do- Japan	83	-1	...	...	...
3.20	-do- Warrants	40	-1	...	...	...
239.50	-do- Wwde	715	+8	9.5	1.7	73.7
47.60	Dundee & Lon	283½	-1½	...	4.0	26.2
881.40	Edinburgh	300	+7	8.5	3.5	32.8
487.90	Electra Inv	282	+7	6.8	3.0	38.5
166.30	Electric Gen	184	...	3.1	2.1	57.3
1.69	English Scot	112	+2	...	...	...
78.10	European Asset	313	+5	...	2.3	40.7
31.00	Finsbury 'A'	129 †	-1	3.0	2.9	41.5
201.20	Fleming Amer	304	+7	0.8	0.3	...
114.10	-do- Claver	214	...	...	3.1	42.2
211.60	Do Contl	324	+4	2.7	1.0	...
78.80	-do- Eurp	197	...	...	3.0	39.8
532.20	-do- F East	352	-4	1.1	0.4	...
41.50	-do- Fledg	327	...	3.0	1.1	...
28.30	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.9
252.50	-do- Japan	219	-4	0.4	0.3	∞
414.70	-do- Merc	287	+½	6.7	2.9	61.4
397.10	-do- Ovrs	299	+7	4.2	1.8	62.6
1,392.60	Foreign & Col	285	+2½	...	1.6	72.2
109.00	-do- Emg Mkts	109	+4	0.2	0.3	...
62.00	-do- Enterprise	66	...	0.4	0.8	...
132.30	-do- Eurotst	224	+3	1.2	0.7	...
48.30	-do- German	123	+1	0.5	0.5	...
318.40	-do- Pacific	299	-8	...	0.9	...
147.60	-do- Smaller	169½	+1	1.8	1.4	...
146.00	GT Japan	234	-6	...	0.7	...
30.10	Genl Cons Cap	166	...	...	...	...
30.30	-do- Inc	100½ †	-½	...	9.7	11.2
39.60	Govett Am Smlr	159	+7	...	...	...
31.00	-do- Emg Mkts	110	+1	...	...	...
103.80	-do- Oriental	336	-2	0.9	0.4	...
260.20	-do- Strategy	265 †	+3	6.7	3.2	∞
48.80	Greenfriar	407	-1	...	2.0	61.1
0.82	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
343.90	Inv Cap	150 †	-1½	...	4.6	26.7
27.30	IAS UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.8	25.9
166.90	Kleinwort Cht	306	+1	5.0	3.0	40.1
194.00	-do- O'seas	243	+9½	3.3	1.7	69.0
19.00	-do- Smlr	136	...	...	3.2	33.0
153.50	Law Debenture	676	+9	18.5	3.4	33.8
103.40	Majedie	197	-2	5.0	3.2	∞
277.20	Merchants	271	+2	...	5.1	25.2
9,833.70	Merrill Lynch	6112½	-56½	...	...	...
399.60	Monks Inv Tst	515	+2	...	1.6	65.2
32.00	Morg Gren Inc	131 †	+3½	4.5	4.3	∞
2.29	Do Warrants	47	...	...	...	...
17.30	Murray Euro	56	+2	0.1	0.4	...
1.14	Do Wts	19	+1	...	...	...
295.00	Murray Income	352	+8	10.9	3.9	33.6
429.10	-do- Intl	357	+8	11.6	4.1	32.2
235.60	-do- Small	420 †	+9½	...	1.3	...
4.94	-do- S/C Inc	90	...	...	14.7	∞
4.72	-do- S/C Cap	130	-3	...	...	...
1.63	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	∞
9.40	-do- S/C DP	157	+1	...	...	...
75.30	-do-Vent	305	-3	...	4.5	24.7
36.00	Nthbrg Inc	92	+1	6.7	9.3	17.0
130.30	O'seas Inv Tst	342 †	-3½	3.1	1.2	∞
93.70	Pacific Assets	473	-4	1.1	0.3	...
14.30	Do Warrants	373	-3	...	...	...
12.40	Personal Assets	8225	...	190	2.4	48.6
299.50	RIT Cap Ptnr	166	-1	1.1	0.8	...
24.70	River & Merc	123	+1	9.2	9.5	12.0
	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
	Rolinco	419	...	...	1.9	...
97.90	St Andrew Inv	284	...	7.5	3.3	38.2
330.90	Scot American	152 †	+1½	...	3.8	32.1
58.30	Scot Asian	277	-4	...	...	...
3.21	do Warrants	745	-25	...	...	...
503.70	-do- Eastern	79½	+1	1.5	2.4	32.2
565.00	Scottish	222	...	4.6	2.6	46.0
804.40	-do- Mtge	223	+1½	4.0	2.2	57.9
48.40	-do- Value	101	+1½	1.8	2.2	∞
304.30	Second Allnce	1585	+5	...	3.1	39.9
298.90	Secs Tst of Scot	90½	+1½	3.2	4.5	29.0
45.30	Selective Asset	158	...	1.2	0.9	56.8
40.60	Sphere Inv	33½	...	3.1	11.6	10.8
77.70	TR Far East	167 †	-½	...	3.7	31.8
301.60	TR City Of Lon	151½	+1½	...	4.0	33.0
119.90	TR Pacific	179	-1	0.3	0.2	...
102.40	TR Property	36	+½	0.9	3.2	37.3
45.80	TR Tech Inv	104	+3	1.7	2.1	38.6
333.20	TR Smlr Cos	187	...	...	2.5	43.2
301.10	Temple Bar	351	+7	13.2	4.7	26.5
109.50	Thrmtn Asian E	109½	...	0.5	0.6	...
227.90	Throgmorton	75	...	2.3	3.8	30.6
17.40	Throg Dual Cp	498	+3	...	...	...
66.70	USDC Invest	237	-1	4.5	2.4	43.6
48.30	Value Inc Tst	114 †	+2½	4.0	4.4	28.7
499.10	Whitbread Inv	791	+32	16.5	2.6	47.6
814.40	Witan	217	+2	5.6	3.2	38.0

LEISURE

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
412.60	Airtours	447	+8	7.7	2.2	15.8
33.20	Ald Leis	52	...	3.0	7.2	∞
190.50	Anglia TV	429	+14	...	2.7	19.9
16.00	Baldwin	88	...	4.6	6.5	11.9
23.20	Barr & W 'A'	239	...	10.0	5.2	15.4
44.70	Boosey Hwks	1145	...	22.0	2.4	17.2
14.20	Border TV•	139	+1	...	3.0	12.5
14.50	Brent Walker	5	+½	...	...	...
5.75	Bristol Sports	103	+29	...	...	...
6.63	Buckingham Int	5½	-½	...	...	...
7.70	Campari	74	-1	8.2	14.8	...
147.80	Capital Radio	209	-5	5.2	3.2	24.1
1,512.40	Carlton Comm	760	+21	17.7	2.9	22.4
13.70	Castle Comm•	220 †	+9½	...	4.8	14.6
560.90	Central TV	2085	+30	39.0	2.3	22.7
27.60	Chrysalis	104	-10	...	...	...
513.30	Compass Gp	571	+18	...	2.8	17.1
58.40	Eurocamp	222	...	9.7	5.5	9.2
705.50	Euro Disney	415	-45	...	2.8	...
5.08	Euro Leisure	3	-½	...	...	...
22.00	Ex-Lands	31½	...	...	1.4	...
10.10	Fairline Boats	288	...	10.5	4.6	...
382.80	First Leisure	235	-14	6.2	3.3	16.3
18.00	GWR Gp•	588	+10	...	1.7	30.2
33.10	Grampian	235	...	6.5	3.5	16.2
1.26	Greenwich Comm•	18	...	...	...	...
63.00	HTV Group	91	+4	...	...	40.4
27.50	Hi-Tec Sports	59	...	...	4.8	...
20.50	Kunick	8½	-½	...	...	...
520.30	LWT Hldgs	503	-5	...	1.2	23.3
	Man Utd	550	...	...	4.4	22.2
132.10	Owners Abrd	81	+3	3.9	6.0	6.5
29.30	The Pelican Gp	71	-1	...	1.9	16.6
14.60	Prism Leisure•	170	...	...	2.4	15.8
9.36	Quadrant Grp	40	+1	...	...	...
27.50	Radio Clyde•	306	-9	...	3.5	24.0
11.80	Ramsdens (H)	196	+1	...	2.9	26.0
213.10	Scot TV	444	+4	10.3	2.9	21.9
14.70	Southern Radio	52	-3	0.7	1.9	21.7
114.00	Stanley Leisure	249	+3	4.3	2.2	19.6
7.36	Sunleigh•	8	...	...	...	...
7.37	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
647.30	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.5	18.9
22.10	Ticketing•	2½	...	...	...	...
17.10	Tottenham Hot	107	-1	...	2.4	5.5
25.50	Trans World•	64	+8	...	1.6	23.3
50.00	Ulster TV	476	+3	12.0	3.2	14.6
26.00	Vardon	104	-5	0.8	1.0	34.5
63.80	Wembley	17	-½	...	...	...
9.66	Whitegate	34	-1	...	...	...
106.30	Yorkshire TV	211	+6	12.0	7.1	6.4
7.61	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,400.50	Am Gold	5800	+231½	...	3.7	29.5
393.60	Ang Am Coal	1562½	+31½	...	5.9	8.1
5,923.60	Ang Am	2550	+156½	...	2.7	22.3
22.50	Anglo Pac Res•	29	...	...	...	...
45.40	Blyvoors	189	-8	...	...	...
5.51	Bracken	39½	+½	...	...	∞
90.90	Buffels	823	-16	...	7.7	7.5
5.30	Butte	2½	-½	...	...	...
4,283.80	CRA	722	+27	...	2.8	24.8
24.70	Cluff Res	34	+1½	...	...	...
4,990.20	De Beers	1312½	-28½	...	3.7	18.0
135.40	Deelkraal	138	-13	...	1.4	15.7
27.20	Doornfontein	68	-3	...	...	...
1,705.40	Driefontein	836	-20	...	3.5	16.5
17.70	Durban	763	...	...	...	...
69.30	E Rand Gold	151	-10	...	7.1	4.7
39.60	E Rand Prop	119 †	+28	...	...	...
43.20	Eastern Trans	50	-5	...	5.0	10.7
415.10	Elandsrand	428	-42	...	3.8	10.5
1,218.70	FS Cons	1035	-7	...	4.6	13.6
14.20	FS Dev	64	...	...	...	...
1,483.90	GFSA	1538	+32	...	2.6	26.6
1,458.70	Gencor	106	+5	...	8.2	∞
290.10	GM Kalgoorli	50	-1½	...	2.7	20.4
12.50	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	...	...	...	...
16.70	Grootvlei	146	-10	...	6.9	9.1
89.30	Harmony	332	-10	...	...	...
448.00	Hartebees	400	+10	...	0.8	15.9
32.00	Inocna	19½	...	...	...	...
547.00	Impala Plat	865	+72	...	3.2	29.8
9.51	Kenmare Res•	9½	-½	...	...	...
195.50	Kinross	1086	+1	...	5.2	∞
993.80	Kloof	717	+14	...	3.0	10.1
18.70	Leslie	117	+3	...	8.9	∞
47.50	Lorraine	292	+41	...	...	...
150.50	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.1	∞
1,364.60	MIM	97½	+2	...	3.3	47.4
2,240.80	Minorco	1308	+4	...	3.0	15.4
920.40	Nth Brkn Hill	146	-1½	...	3.3	24.0
610.70	Orange Free	2712½	+67½	...	4.7	22.1
7,203.30	RTZ	677	+32½	...	5.1	18.7
88.50	Rand Mines	593½	...	...	7.3	∞
344.80	Randfontein	564	-29	...	5.0	8.4
357.90	Renison	180	+5	...	2.4	18.6
1,347.20	Rustnbrg	1075	+6½	...	3.0	∞
65.40	St Helena	979	-46	...	3.5	14.5
535.90	Southvaal	2061	-66	...	3.7	37.7
10.90	Stilfontein	83½	+½	...	7.4	15.2
42.30	Unisel	151	...	...	4.4	∞
7,429.90	Vaal Reefs	6237½	-62½	...	3.5	11.3
247.50	Welkom	700	+9	...	4.7	22.1
232.60	Western Areas	377	+34	...	0.8	18.4
817.50	Western Deep	2980	+78½	...	2.1	14.4
2,475.60	Wstrn Mining	258	+1	...	1.9	...
126.10	Winkels	1035	+52	...	3.7	∞
67.40	Zambia Copper	55	-10	...	...	...
75.90	Zandpan	58	+3	...	7.6	19.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4.76	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
10.00	Airflow Stream	117	-3	3.0	3.2	11.3
79.80	Appleyard	130	...	...	5.0	...
14.30	Bletchley Mtr	310	...	...	3.7	15.8
20.20	Bostrom	185	...	6.0	4.1	32.7
1,598.90	Br Aerospace	422	-7	7.3	2.2	...
56.40	Burndene	50	-½	...	1.8	13.3
11.90	Caffyns	358	-20	11.5	4.0	72.4
23.50	Coverdale	13½	-½	...	...	...
17.80	Central Mtrs	133	-2	...	3.8	33.8
12.40	Cook (DC)•	29	+2	...	2.6	16.5
334.90	Cowie (T)	234	-3	6.6	3.5	17.8
24.70	Dag Motors	137	...	5.7	5.2	24.8
29.00	Davnprt Vern	148	-1	...	3.4	18.7
32.10	ERF	327	...	2.0	0.8	...
50.60	European Mtr	135	+5	...	3.5	18.7
87.00	Evans Halshaw	403	+1	11.4	3.6	62.1
162.90	FR Group	216	-3	...	4.2	10.1
20,816.70	Ford Motor	4231½	+100	...	...	...
26,197.00	General Mtr	3709½	+268½	...	1.4	...
5.08	Gowrings	56	...	2.0	4.5	...
95.80	Henlys	240	...	3.5	1.8	...
8,918.50	Honda Motor	916	-49	...	1.0	...
3.57	Jacks (Wm)	33	+3	...	...	...
8.48	Jessups	96	-1	4.5	6.0	...
275.20	Kwik-Fit	160	-5	...	2.7	22.6
384.60	Lex Service	407	+8	...	3.5	22.3
28.50	Lookers	149	...	6.2	5.2	...
1,242.70	Lucas	175	+1	...	5.0	...
23.10	Malaya Grp	28	-1½	...	...	...
97.20	Pendragon	252	-5	...	3.2	20.7
40.90	Perry Gp	163	-7	...	3.5	...
37.80	Quicks Group	165	...	...	3.6	21.1
2,006.00	Rolls-Royce	164½	-1½	...	3.8	...
978.50	T & N	195	+2	...	7.0	27.8
122.80	Trinity Hldgs	239	-6	...	2.9	22.2
77.70	Vardy (Reg)	170	...	...	3.1	23.8
214.40	Westland	224	...	4.2	2.4	19.8

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
28.20	Adscene	190	...	5.0	3.3	19.4
5.34	Black (A&C)	340	...	13.5	5.0	13.9
315.70	Blenheim Gp	342	-1	...	3.4	12.7
57.90	Bristol	335	+7	...	4.1	32.0
480.00	Daily Mail	9600	...	13.4	1.7	21.6
476.30	Daily Mail 'A'	9525	...	13.4	1.8	21.4
211.60	Dorling Kind	343	-2	3.3	1.2	∞
3,489.40	Elsevier	5350	+56½	...	1.8	18.1
598.60	EMAP	345	+3	...	2.9	21.3
271.80	Euromoney Pb	1350	...	38.0	3.6	∞
18.80	Harrington K	197	...	4.7	3.0	16.1
47.10	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	13.2
118.70	Hodder H'line	340	-2	5.1	1.9	28.9
11.00	Home Counts	110	...	5.2	6.0	...
56.90	Intl Bus Comm	145	+15	...	...	21.0
7.58	Int Cm & Data•	11	...	...	...	...
333.40	Independent	425	...	...	2.9	22.4
163.30	Johnstne Press	530	-20	6.5	1.5	22.9
31.80	Metal Bulletin	326	+1	8.2	3.1	23.0
629.30	Mirror Gp	157	+4	...	...	...
4,537.70	News Corp	451	-15	...	0.3	...
1,850.90	News Intl	268	+4	...	0.6	16.5
3,129.50	Pearson	569	-13	...	2.6	30.9
73.30	Portsmth Sund	611	...	...	1.9	16.9
4,179.40	Reed Int	745	+5	...	2.0	32.5
25.00	Southnews	166	-4	...	1.8	30.3
62.90	Sterling Pub•	160	-6	...	2.1	17.6
495.90	Telegraph	370	+1	...	4.1	15.5
4,897.90	Thomson Corp	825 †	-10	...	1.8	41.2
243.90	Trinity Intl	356	+11	9.0	3.2	21.3
1.44	Unit Group•	27	...	...	...	...
1,207.90	Utd Newspapers	522	+1	...	5.1	14.5

OILS, GAS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77.20	Aran Energy	27½	-1	...	...	26.8
20.90	Arcon Intl•	36	-3	...	...	...
	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	+½	...	...	...
22.70	Aviva Pet	72	+3	...	...	...
1.91	Beverley	5½	-1	...	...	54.7
98.10	Br Borneo	219	...	7.1	4.1	6.6
13,008.10	British Gas	321½	+6½	14.2	5.5	15.5
18,564.50	Br Petroleum	341 †	-14	8.4	3.1	39.8
6.83	Bula Resources	1	-½	...	...	...
1,454.70	Burmah Castrl	746	+8	...	5.5	17.4
40.20	Cairn Energy	62	+3	...	...	8.0
506.90	Calor Gp	301 †	+19	...	5.0	16.4
187.70	Clyde Pet	47	+3	...	...	...
35.50	Coplex Res	35	-1	...	...	...
2.93	Edin Oil & Gas•	17½	...	...	...	...
2,343.50	Enterprise	456	+4	19.0	5.2	25.1
38.10	Exp Co Louis	36	...	...	...	...
55.40	Fairhaven Intl	22½	-1½	...	4.7	8.2
42.30	Fortune	4	-½	...	...	...
83.10	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
36.30	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
183.10	Hardy O & G	171	-3	...	0.7	15.9
0.20	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
497.40	LASMO	133	+4½	...	3.1	26.0
5.24	-do- Units	74	+4	9.4	16.0	...
6.83	Mid Scot Res•	4½	+¼	...	...	...
373.30	Monument	56½	+4	...	...	...
5.77	New London	4½	-½	...	...	...
15.60	Nth Sea Assets	30	-2	1.0	4.2	10.4
107.10	Oil Search	35	...	...	...	...
	Petroz	17½	+1½	...	...	...
62.60	Pict Pet	160	+4	...	...	...
146.00	Premier	26½	+1½	...	...	9.9
41.30	Presidio	163	+50	...	4.1	...
369.20	Ranger	375	-20	...	4.3	...
37,123.10	Royal Dtch Fl	6925	+87½	...	4.4	17.2
10,171.10	Schlumberger	4200	+115½	...	1.9	...
39.70	Seafield	100	...	...	...	...
22,774.00	Shell	687	-3	22.8	4.1	21.1
5.42	Sunrise Eng Sv	185	...	...	...	...
13.20	Triton Europe	16	-1	...	...	...
14.10	Villers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
1,333.30	Woodside	200	+5½	...	1.7	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	144	-1	...	4.6	13.0
74.80	API	361	...	8.2	2.9	30.6
1,853.60	Arjo Wiggins	228	+6	...	3.6	30.8
80.30	Abbott Mead	535	...	9.5	2.2	28.1
33.10	Aegis Gp	19½	-½	...	...	...
16.70	Aspen Comms•	139	...	...	4.7	11.7
1.47	BBB Design•	18	...	...	...	...
93.50	Bemrose	371	-2	...	4.0	16.2
0.73	Birkdale	8½	-½	...	...	...
549.30	Bunzl	129	+3	4.0	3.9	19.5
41.20	CIA Gp	352	...	...	1.6	22.2
44.90	Capital Inds	168	-11	...	2.7	16.0
6.79	City of Lon•	88	...	...	5.5	16.2
23.30	Cropper (James)	289	...	2.1	1.3	22.9
3.66	Crown Comm•	6½	...	...	...	...
7.46	Delyn Group	88	...	1.6	2.4	11.8
26.20	Dolphin Pack	111	-2	4.5	5.1	27.4
8.96	Dudley Jenkins•	78	+3	...	5.0	17.7
25.90	Elswick	14	+½	...	2.7	15.7
23.00	Fairway Group•	74	...	3.2	5.5	21.9
111.50	Ferguson Intl	340	...	...	4.6	15.4
14.90	Ferry Pick	110	...	...	6.4	29.7
35.40	Filofax•	156	+10	...	1.0	20.4
3.91	Fitch	11	...	...	...	...
11.70	Gibbon Lyons•	139	...	...	4.8	14.6
54.60	Gold Greenless	207	...	8.3	5.0	14.8
3.84	Goodhead	19	-2	0.5	3.3	...
21.40	Hunterprint	37	...	...	...	...
8.68	Intereurope	162	-3	...	6.0	11.9
88.10	Jarvis Porter	277	+7	...	2.2	25.7
13.30	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
12.30	MMT	35	+3½	...	...	...
107.20	More O'Ferrall	332	...	13.2	5.0	39.7
46.20	NMC Group	116	+6	2.7	3.0	17.7
12.30	Osborne & Little	303	+3	...	2.8	22.3
319.60	Portals	494 †	+1	...	3.7	17.0
5.78	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
59.40	Quarto	282	-1	...	3.6	17.4
274.00	St Ives Gp	277	+7	...	2.5	18.3
396.20	Saatchi	180	+3	...	...	...
572.10	Sappi	381	+52	...	9.6	7.3
3.96	Serif•	16	-2	...	...	...
21.10	Shandwick	25½	...	...	...	...
517.90	Smith David	335	+5	...	3.7	17.6
1,215.60	Smurfit (Jeff)	249 †	+6	...	1.7	6.0
1.70	Somic	85	+4	2.5	3.7	34.4
44.50	Sut-Plus	307	-3	8.4	5.1	18.5
61.30	Taylor Nelson	28	...	0.3	1.5	23.4
7.91	VTR•	101	-19	...	4.8	∞
473.70	WPP	91	-5	...	1.4	3.4
123.30	Wace	165	-4	...	0.8	...
190.50	Waddington (J)	237	-2	...	4.3	17.5
260.80	Watmough	391	-1	...	1.9	30.6
4.94	Westport•	4½	-½	...	...	...
1.36	Whitney Mck•	19	...	...	...	...
14.80	Wood (SW)	40	+5	...	2.1	19.1

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
76.60	Allied Lon	110	+1	...	4.0	28.5
5.31	Arcadian	60 #	...	...	...	...
20.30	Ascot Hldgs	5½	+1	...	...	...
101.30	Asda	129	-3	...	2.1	13.6
57.70	Avonside	133	-3	4.1	3.9	18.6
7,159.80	BCE•	2337½	-12½	...	...	...
284.90	Bilton	649	-1	18.9	3.6	23.5
8.34	Bourne End	97 #	...	1.0	1.3	...
323.30	Bradford	225 †	-8	5.9	3.3	22.8
5.51	Bredero	15	-1	...	...	...
1,250.90	Br Land	416	+18	...	2.1	37.9
546.80	Brixton	236	+12	...	4.5	18.7
140.60	Burford	86	+1½	...	1.9	...
55.30	Cap & Regnl•	185	+4	...	0.9	...
5.96	Cardiff Prop	230	...	2.4	1.3	...
109.80	Chesterfield	587	+1	11.5	2.5	41.7
4.32	City Site Ests	28	...	...	...	...
5.56	Clarke Nickolls	27	...	...	...	...
6.24	Compco	300	...	12.9	5.6	66.2
26.90	Conrad Rbin GS	45	...	...	...	...
226.60	Daejan	1390	+5	...	2.4	17.2
3.73	Dares Estates	2	...	...	...	...
49.80	Debenham Twsn	114	...	...	3.3	22.2
3.31	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
31.70	Dencora	178	-2	3.0	2.1	...
70.80	Derwent Hldgs	608	...	8.7	1.8	75.8
39.20	Development Sec	33½	-6	...	...	...
7.31	Dwyer	57	...	...	...	...
22.30	Estates Agency	372	...	...	2.6	44.1
4.17	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
139.90	Evans Of Leeds	211	-1	...	2.7	18.6
21.20	Five Oaks	32	-½	...	...	...
5.37	Fletcher King	64	+1	1.0	2.0	42.4
237.40	Frogmore	472	-13	...	4.2	22.8
39.60	Grainger	199	+1	5.2	3.3	44.5
652.90	Gr Portland	214 †	+4	...	4.7	20.5
29.00	Greycoat	33	+2	...	...	...
4,836.00	HK Land	180	-8	...	3.5	23.7
204.00	Hambro Cntyw	62	...	0.5	1.0	...
218.70	Hammerson	411	+12	10.0	3.0	41.6
728.80	-do- 'A'	379	+15	10.0	3.3	38.3
46.80	Helical Bar	288	...	...	2.1	10.3
31.70	Hemingway	33½	-1½	...	...	...
9.76	Herring Baker	61	+1	3.7	7.7	15.3
2.66	Jermyn	133	...	...	...	...
3,668.50	Land Sec	725	+17	23.1	4.0	21.4
267.50	Lon Merch Sec	110	+3	4.0	4.5	17.1
1.36	Lon & Metro	12	-2	...	...	...
1,999.20	MEPC	515	+19	...	4.9	22.2
4.51	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
39.40	McKay Secs	145	...	3.5	3.0	19.9
4.58	Markheath	3½	...	...	...	...
8.72	Merivale Mre	63	-1	...	...	...
1.32	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
15.00	Mountfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
61.70	Mountview	1300	+35	20.0	1.9	12.0
166.90	Mucklow (A&J)	171	+1	...	4.5	26.6
6.15	Olives Prop	36	-5	...	...	...
2.27	Ossory Est	2½	...	...	...	0.7
198.00	PSIT	163	...	4.1	3.2	32.3
287.30	Peel	335	-21	4.0	1.5	...
5.81	Power Corp	5	-1	...	...	...
6.83	Property Trust	36	...	...	...	10.3
13.20	Raglan	42	-5	...	...	...
28.10	Regalian	24	+2½	...	...	...
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
51.70	St Modwen Prp	46	...	0.9	2.4	35.0
27.60	Savills	74½	+1½	...	1.7	29.5
85.40	Scot Met	88 †	-1	...	2.1	∞
56.40	Shaftesbury	116	-1	...	...	...
1.06	Shield	11	...	...	...	5.8
1,000.00	Slough Estates	260	+14	...	3.9	18.2
75.20	Southend Prop	81	...	...	3.7	...
46.50	Stanhope Prps•	28	-4	...	...	...
103.80	Tops Ests	225	...	2.1	1.2	...
135.70	Town Centre	134 †	+2½	...	3.2	24.0
63.10	Trafford Park	93	+5	...	3.8	21.4
1.34	UK Land	31	+1	...	...	...
15.50	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
134.10	Warner	276	+7	10.4	4.7	25.2
80.60	Warnford	210	-2	7.5	4.5	15.4
2.51	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
138.90	Wates	90	-4	...	...	...
5.33	Wood John Da	65	-1	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1.48	Automagic•	26	...	...	...	...
59.60	Headlam	175	-3	...	2.1	39.5
21.50	Lambert	355	...	13.2	4.7	6.7
11.30	Pittards	52	-3	1.5	3.6	14.9
37.50	Strong & Fisher	22	...	1.0	5.7	6.1
41.50	Stylo	217	...	...	1.7	...
23.80	UK Safety	62	-1	...	5.2	1.0

TEXTILES

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
140.50	Allied Text	488	-30	12.7	3.3	15.7
6.84	Beckman (A)	56	...	3.5	8.0	∞
2.16	Bolton Gp	23	-8	...	...	...
22.70	Br Mohair	171	+1	8.5	6.2	16.0
2.49	Chartwell•	40	...	...	...	...
131.80	Claremont Ga	327	-21	7.5	2.9	30.4
567.60	Courtauld Text	562	-11	13.9	3.1	15.4
5.02	Cupid•	28	...	...	...	...
286.60	Dawson	183½	-2½	...	6.1	14.0
6.50	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
9.58	Faupel•	82	-1	...	7.5	12.7
2.17	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
5.78	Gaskell	119	...	4.2	4.5	...
35.80	Hicking Pntcst	217	-1	...	2.3	16.8
5.20	Jerome (S)	69	-1	...	0.4	...
123.00	Lamont	410	-11	12.0	3.7	27.1
94.60	Leeds	498	-1	...	1.9	24.0
9.71	Lister	99	-2	0.1	0.2	...
6.32	Lyles (S)	87	+1	...	4.7	...
54.30	Magellan	213	-2	1.4	0.8	...
12.10	Parkland 'A'	211	-2	3.0	1.8	...
188.60	Readicut	98	+1½	...	4.4	19.5
2.17	SEET	54	-1	...	...	...
70.10	Sirdar	131	-4	...	5.1	9.0
62.50	Stirling Gp	72	+1	1.8	3.2	17.6
31.60	Stoddard	45	...	...	4.2	41.8
17.60	Tomkinsons	283	-½	11.5	5.1	24.4
9.02	West Trust	36	+2½	2.5	8.7	∞
23.00	Yorklyde	230	+22	...	2.9	15.1

TOBACCOS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
15,266.90	BAT	496	-16	...	4.8	14.9

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
913.60	Assoc Br Ports	487	+11	...	2.2	...
4,707.30	BAA	923	-27	...	2.2	22.9
3,885.50	Br Airways	409	+10	...	3.3	19.2
22.40	Clarkson (H)	98	-3	1.7	2.2	...
26.30	Davies Newman	25 #	...	...	...	...
1,191.50	Eurotunnel Uts	446	-3	...	...	...
19.30	Fisher (James)	78	-2	0.5	0.8	20.9
31.20	Isl Steam	208	+1	...	5.0	10.9
7.83	Jacobs (JI)	34	...	0.5	1.8	...
15.40	Lon O'Seas Frts	102	...	...	1.3	18.7
374.60	Mersey Docks	420	-8	...	2.7	28.0
104.00	Natl Express	260	-1	...	3.4	26.9
1,340.70	NFC	242	+3	6.5	3.4	18.4
502.40	Ocean Group	326	...	...	5.5	...
28.20	Ocean Wilson	71	-6	4.0	7.0	12.0
3,319.30	P & O Dfd	556	+18	...	6.9	30.2
123.90	P & O 5½%	19½	...	...	3.7	...
392.80	Powell Duffryn	596	-2	...	4.7	21.1
20.70	Seacon•	213	-1	...	3.2	13.4
170.80	Stagecoach	141	...	...	3.4	∞
438.10	TNT	77½	...	...	...	...
326.30	Tibber & Britn	745	+4	...	...	...
69.70	Tiphook	63	-6	12.6	2.1	28.6
309.60	TDG	272	-32	...	4.4	9.0

WATER

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1,599.00	Anglian Water	527	+21	...	5.2	10.4
59.30	Mid Kent Hldg	547	...	...	3.9	12.8
449.50	Northumbrian	664 †	+7	...	4.3	6.8
2,010.50	North West	539	+22	...	5.0	9.6
1,942.20	Severn Trent	541	-12	...	4.9	8.7
958.70	Sthrn Water	572	+6	...	4.7	9.5
85.40	Sth Staffs	1525	+10	47.0	3.9	10.9
714.20	South West	570	+2	...	5.2	9.4
2,059.00	Thames Water	525 †	+3½	...	5.1	10.3
925.00	Welsh Water	641	+15	...	4.6	8.5
795.00	Wessex Water	635	+4	...	4.2	9.6
1,104.30	Yorkshire W	553	+17	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Firstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
2,100	Treas 8½% 1994	100[illegible]	...	8.45	5.34
550	Treas 14½% 1994	102[illegible]	-[illegible]	14.14	5.30
1,100	Exch 13½% 1994	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	13.04	5.20
1,900	Treas 10% 1994	102[illegible] †	-[illegible]	9.75	5.22
1,240	Exch 12¼% 1994	105[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.67	5.22
1,900	Treas 9% 1994	103[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.64	5.18
2,350	Treas 12% 1995	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.16	5.22
214	Gas 3% 1990-95	97½	...	3.08	4.82
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	107[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.52	5.32
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.22	5.37
770	Treas 14% 1996	117[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.96	5.49
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	121[illegible]	-[illegible]	12.51	5.56
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	117[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.27	5.57
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	111[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.06	5.72
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	120[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.95	5.87
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	9.25	5.87
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	109[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.00	5.92
830	Exch 15% 1997	130[illegible]	-[illegible]	11.48	6.08
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	113[illegible]	-[illegible]	8.63	6.13
6,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.91	6.02
1,600	Treas 7¼% B 1998	104[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.93	6.03
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101[illegible]	-[illegible]	6.64	5.45
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	129[illegible]	-[illegible]	10.81	6.34

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
935	Treas 15½% 1998	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.21	6.22
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	123[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.69	6.36
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.35	6.33
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	125[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.73	6.45
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.83	6.36
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.63	6.43
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	113[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.94	6.40
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	137[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.73	6.65
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	118[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.41	6.66
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.16	6.77
7,600	Treas 8% 2003	109[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.32	6.68
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	8.15	6.80
1,620	Treas 11½% 2001-04	126[illegible]	+[illegible]	9.11	6.88
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81[illegible]	+[illegible]	4.32	5.93
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	120[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.90	6.85
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	120[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.89	6.89
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	138[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.03	7.07
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	107[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.44	6.87
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	131[illegible]	+1[illegible]	8.94	7.04
5,497	Treas 8½% 2007	113[illegible]	+1	7.51	6.99
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	146[illegible]	+1[illegible]	9.21	7.08

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
3,321	Treas 9% 2008	118[illegible]	+1	7.62	7.02
3,103	Treas 8% 2009	109[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.34	7.05
4,273	Conv 9% 2011	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.54	7.07
5,150	Treas 9% 2012	119[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.50	7.06
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	87[illegible]	+1[illegible]	6.25	6.65
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	107[illegible]	+1	7.18	6.99
4,390	Treas 8% 2013	110[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.26	7.05
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	150[illegible] †	+[illegible]	7.99	7.23
6,950	Treas 8¾% 2017	119[illegible]	+1[illegible]	7.33	7.05

UNDATED

Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	49[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.05	...
475	Treas 2½%	34[illegible]	+[illegible]	7.22	...

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Stock Outstanding (£million)	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
300	Treas IL 2% 1994	138[illegible]	+[illegible]	...	...
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	203[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.00	1.96
600	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	112[illegible]	+[illegible]	1.39	2.07
1,380	Treas IL 2½% 2001	172[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.38	2.77
1,050	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.58	2.90
600	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.62	2.93
1,550	Treas IL 2% 2006	179[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.66	2.90
1,350	Treas IL 2½% 2009	163[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.82	3.03
1,800	Treas IL 2½% 2011	170[illegible]	+1	2.88	3.08
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141[illegible]	+[illegible]	2.92	3.09
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2016	151[illegible]	+1[illegible]	2.97	3.14
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2020	146[illegible]	+1[illegible]	3.02	3.17
1,700	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122[illegible]	+[illegible]	3.03	3.16

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Firm line by Britain may scupper EC steel plan

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE government's tough anti-subsidy stance, firmly backed by British Steel, threatens to backfire, if it prevents an EC-wide pact to eliminate millions of tonnes of excess steel capacity.

Tim Sainsbury, the industry minister, made clear to his EC counterparts in Brussels last week that Britain's position is "no agreement is better than a bad agreement". He rejected outright the compromise deal the European Commission had struck with Bonn to give subsidies of almost £450 million to finance a new steel mill and modernise Ekostahl, the East German steel firm about to be privatised.

Mr Sainsbury also firmly opposed any concessions to Italy, which has so far refused to offer cuts of more than 1.2 million tonnes of capacity from the 10 million tonnes capacity at the Taranto works of the state-owned Ilva Steel Group. Brussels has proposed cuts of 1.7 million tonnes and the scrapping of three furnaces at Taranto in return for allowing 2.5 billion ecus (£1.9 billion) in subsidies.



Sainsbury: rejection

The British stance has provoked an angry response from Germany, whose largely private sector steel industry is suffering heavy losses caused by recession, cheap steel imports from Eastern Europe and the continued flow of heavy subsidies to its rivals.

Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, has accused Britain of causing "unnecessary complications and delays". He recalled that Britain used about £2 billion in subsidies in the British Steel privatisation. Ruprecht Vondran, president of the German Steel Association, said fresh delays at the political level "increased the damage to private sector companies".

Loss-making continental steelmakers are deeply concerned that Britain's opposition to the Ekostahl deal, combined with Italy's intransigence, could force the commission to abort the whole capacity-cutting plan, which was supposed to eliminate 30 million tonnes of steel capacity.

A spokesman for a leading German steelmaker said Britain would be making a "big mistake" if it thought it could gain specific advantage by killing off the capacity shedding plan. "Failure of the EC plan would cause chaos in the European steel industry and would help nobody. It would only lead to more subsidies, not less," he said.

British Steel, Europe's second largest steelmaker, and other leading producers have this month announced price rises in an effort to restore margins. But analysts believe a subsidy race would dash hopes of higher prices.

Thorn EMI heads for profit rise

A FULL six-month contribution from Virgin and progress on the music and rental sides should help **Thorn EMI**, the music and rental combine headed by Sir Colin Southgate, to a healthy advance in first-half profits.

Thorn is expected to benefit from improved music business in the US when it announces results tomorrow, although its rental business could weigh down sentiment.

BZW has pencilled in first-half headline pre-tax profits of £105 million after a £9 million exceptional charge from sales of the lighting division and the Thames Television holding. BZW looks for pre-exceptional taxable profits of £114 million, after £105.2 million last time. Forecasts range from £105 million to £131 million. A dividend held at 9p is predicted.

Analysts want an update on compact disc pricing in the wake of enquiries in Britain and the US. News is also awaited after uncertainty over Thorn's Rent-a-Center business in the US. Concern spread after press reports and efforts by some US legislators to get rental businesses such as Rent-a-Center, where clients can later buy items they rent, defined as credit organisations. That could devastate Rent-a-Center's business since credit organisations may lend only to credit-rated clients.



Sir Colin Southgate: music lifting Thorn EMI profits

TODAY

Interim results from **Babcock International**, which in September said that it intended to make £20 million provisions, will be a management, rather than a profits, story, according to John Karidis, of Hoare Govett. Closure costs and provisions are expected to push Babcock to half-year losses of between £5 million and £8 million, after profit of £16.6 million last time. Full-year profit forecasts range from £5 million to £15 million (£21.1 million).

Interims: Allen, Babcock, British Invstmnt Tst, Bakyrchik Gold, James Cropper, Emap, Hewetson, Kenwood Appliances, Oglesby & Butler Gp, Shires Investmnt, South Staffs Water, Worthington Gp. **Finals:** Creston, Diploma, Rodime, Schroder Split Fund (3rd), Shani Gp.

TOMORROW

Allied-Lyons, the drinks and food giant, is expected by UBS to announce interim pre-tax profits of £307 million (£267 million). An interim dividend of 7.3p (6.95p) is predicted. Market profit forecasts range from £294 million to £314 million.

UBS expects £15 million of currency benefits and a full six-month contribution of £28 million from the joint venture with Carlsberg.

Henderson Crosthwaite expects **Northern Foods** to turn in first-half pre-tax profits of £70 million (£68.4 million). Market forecasts range from £70 million to £74.5 million. An interim dividend of between 3.5p and 3.6p is expected, against 3.4p last time.

Northern's profits growth will be restricted as margins in the milk division, supplying 25 per cent of the doorstep delivery market, remain under pressure from a milk price war. Meat operations are likely to have had a tough time as small retail operators are squeezed by the recession and by food price wars and, in turn, try to pass on some of the pain to food manufacturers.

Interim pre-tax profits at **Vodafone Group**, the cellular telephone operator, are expected to advance to between £170 million and £180 million, up from £160.2 million last time, reflecting strong growth in the UK network. The interim dividend should reach between 3.95p and 4.12p (3.43p).

Interims: Allied Lyons, Amber Industrial, Applied Holographics, Falcon Hldngs, Marston Thompson, Northern Foods, NSM, Readicut Intl, Sterling Inds, Tex Hldngs, Thorn EMI, Vodafone Gp. **Finals:** Anglo Irish Bank Corp, Assa AB, Capital Radio, Cosalt, Foreign & Colonial Emerging Inv, Stratagem Gp, Unigroup.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

A combination of currency benefits and some recovery should help **Tate & Lyle**, the sugar and sweeteners group, to turn in full-year pre-tax profits ahead to £218 million (£189.5 million), according to Tim Potter, of Smith New Court. Market forecasts range from £215 million to £222 million. Smith expects earnings to rise to 31.5p (26.2p) a share, with a dividend of 13p (12p) predicted.

Interim pre-tax profits at **PowerGen** are likely to reach £105 million (£98 million), according to UBS. Market forecasts range from £95 million to £110 million. A dividend of 3.95p (3.35p) is predicted.

NatWest Securities expects new store openings to help **Kwik Save Group**, the supermarket chain, to report final pre-tax profits ahead to £129 million (£101 million). A payout of 18p (16p) is expected.

Interims: ABI Leisure Gp, Alba, Caledonia Invs, City of London PR Gp, Lowndes Lambert Gp Hldng, ML Hldngs, Optometrics Corp, Osborne & Little, Platignum, PowerGen, Wagon Industrial Hldngs, Warnford Invs. **Finals:** Concentric, Dunedin Worldwide Inv, Goodhead Gp, Kwik Save, Leveraged Opportunity, Tate & Lyle, Yeoman Inv Trst. **Econ stats:** Construction — new orders (Sept).

THURSDAY

Julian Lakin, of Smith New Court, expects **Hazlewood Foods** to turn in first-half pre-tax profits of £26 million (£24.7 million). An interim dividend of 2.4p (2.3p) is predicted.

Analysts expect **Scottish Power** to generate interim pre-tax profits between £110 million and £118 million, up from £108.3 million last time. An interim dividend of 4.1p (3.72p) is predicted.

Interims: AAH, BPB Inds, Cater Allen Hldngs, Chloride Gp, John Foster & Son, GEI Intl, Hazlewood Foods, Macdonald Martin Distillers, McLeod Russell Hldngs, Multitone Electronics, National Grid Co, National Grid Hldng, Policy Portfolio, Powell Duffryn, Scottish Power, Shanks and McEwan Gp, South West Water, Wah Kwong Shipping. **Finals:** Cantab Pharmaceuticals (Q3), China Inv & Dev Fund, Kinta Kellas (Q3), Morland & Co, Quadramatic, Tomkinsons. **Econ stats:** New earnings survey, Part E: Analyses by region and by age group, engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (Sept), new vehicle registrations (Oct), energy trends (Sept).

FRIDAY

Interims: Dart Gp, Drayton Blue Chip Tst, NEC Corp, OMI Intl, Second HGSC Index Inv, Vistec Gp. **Finals:** Bank of Nova Scotia (D), Clyde Blowers, Perpetual, Scottish Inv Tst. **Econ stats:** CBI monthly trends enquiry (Nov), major British banking groups' mortgage lending (Oct) — new series.

PHILIP PANGALOS

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Opec 'considering' production cuts

SPECULATION is spreading in international oil markets that Opec may be forced to cut oil production again when it meets in Vienna tomorrow. The cartel last met in September, but the market has remained weak since, closing below $16 in London last week, a 20 per cent fall in the past year.

Western analysis say the present accord seems to be holding Opec production at about 24.7 million barrels a day and agree that this would be sufficient to keep the oil market in balance over the northern winter. But with bearish oil market sentiment, Opec delegates are talking in private of applying shock therapy, possibly in the form of one-month production cuts, ironically, on the 20th anniversary of the 1973 Arab oil embargo. Opec said that although it was sticking to its September production agreement, the recession, new supplies from non-Opec members and high stocks "had caused prices to be lower than expected over the past few days".

Babcock refinery work

BABCOCK International, the engineering equipment contractor, has secured oil production and refinery development contracts worth $100 million in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. Babcock Contractors, part of the group's process division, is to design, supply and construct a gas oil separation plant for the Saudi Arabian Oil Company. The plant, to be located at Haradh, is due to be completed early in 1996. In addition, the group's Malaysian subsidiary has jointly been awarded two contracts to develop a state-owned oil refinery at Kerteh.

Call for four-day week

EUROPE's governments should urge employers to cut working hours to create more jobs and be prepared to make up lost wages, Jacques Delors will tell EC finance ministers today. The president of the European Commission will give the ministers a preview of his "white paper" on boosting jobs and growth in the EC that will be debated at next month's EC summit. A key section of the document sent to governments last week hints that they should provide carrots and sticks to persuade employers to move towards a four-day week.

O'Reilly in bid talks

TONY O'Reilly, the Irish newspaper magnate, is in talks with United Newspapers about a reverse takeover. A link between the *Daily Express* and the *Irish Independent* would give Mr O'Reilly a foothold in the UK newspaper market. Last year, he took a stake in Mirror Group Newspapers, fuelling speculation that he would bid. Mr O'Reilly and Lord Stevens, United Newspapers' chairman, have been holding talks for some time. They have a joint venture in Ireland, where Independent Newspapers prints United's *Daily Star*.

Badgerline allocations

PUBLIC applications for shares in Badgerline Group, the bus company, are to be scaled back. The offer was 1.7 times oversubscribed at Friday's close. Badgerline is coming to market via a placing and offer for sale at 115p a share, valuing it at £99 million. Public applicants seeking up to 500 shares will receive full allocation. Those seeking more will see allocations scaled back by between 85 and 20 per cent. Applicants for more than 85,000 shares will get 18,000. Share certificates will be posted on Thursday with dealings starting on Friday.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.4725 (-0.0052)
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New York Dow Jones
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Tokyo Nikkei Avge
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Post-Budget rate cut is on the cards

With the year's second Budget just over a week away, attention is focused on whether fiscal policy will be tightened further, in addition to the measures announced in the March Budget. The Chancellor has said that the fiscal deficit needs to decline faster than was forecast in March, when it was projected to reach 4.5 per cent of GDP by 1996-7. However, in the near term, public spending could not be cut below the levels agreed in existing plans. This has raised expectations of further tax increases next year.

But the Chancellor is unlikely to announce significant further fiscal tightening for next year, given the substantial turnround in fiscal stance already planned, the fading of the boosts from monetary easing and sterling depreciation, and the fragility of the recovery. He could, of course, announce measures for 1995, as the tightening currently scheduled for the 1995-6 fiscal year falls far short of that planned for next year. After adding strongly to GDP growth in the past couple of years, fiscal policy will provide no support at all in 1994.

GILT-EDGED

The main source of support hitherto has been strong growth in spending; last year, real government spending rose by 6 per cent and this year the increase is 4 per cent, much more than can be attributed to recession. The fiscal stance is set to change on both the tax and spending sides.

Taxes are set to rise by 1 per cent of GDP in April 1994 and public spending growth will slow to 1.5 per cent in real terms in the coming fiscal year. Thus, from next April, fiscal policy will contribute two percentage points less to GDP growth than it did this year. In the 1995-6 fiscal year, taxes rise by a further 0.5 per cent of GDP and real government spending is expected to increase by only 0.5 per cent. In addition to tighter fiscal policy, the stimulus to activity from easier monetary policy is beginning to fade.

Official interest rates reached their trough in January and the trade-weighted exchange rate has appreciated by 6 per cent since the low point reached in February. This has unwound about a third of the competitiveness gain achieved when sterling left the ERM. The biggest boost to activity from a cut in interest rates and a drop in the exchange rate comes in the first year.

This was already evident in the slowing of export growth during the summer after the strong performance in the first half of the year. Admittedly, long-term interest rates have fallen since the early summer, but the stimulative effect of lower bond yields is limited.

Despite the strong stimulus from fiscal policy and the boost from easier monetary policy in the past two years, the economic recovery has been sluggish. The annual growth rate in the non-oil economy averaged less than 1 per cent in the second half of last year and picked up only slightly, to 2 per cent, in the first three quarters of this year. There is not enough strength in the domestic private sector to outweigh less supportive policies and weakness in continental Europe. Non-oil GDP growth is thus not expected to exceed this year's 2 per cent until the second half of 1994 at the earliest.

If the Chancellor announces no further fiscal tightening for 1994, the gilt market is likely to be disappointed, since an additional tightening of about 0.5 per cent of GDP is probably discounted by the market. Without further near-term fiscal tightening, there is also less likelihood of an interest rate cut on Budget day. However, monetary policy is likely to ease further, as the economic recovery is expected to remain insufficient to bring about a sustained fall in unemployment for some time. Base rates are likely to be cut by at least another percentage point, but perhaps not until early next year.

DAVID MACKIE
JP Morgan

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

DASYPHYLLOUS
(c) Having hairy or woolly leaves, botanical, from the Greek *dasus* rough + *phullon* a leaf: "Applying a little anthropomorphism to this word, it could characterise a purpose-clad skier."

ELDRITCH
(c) Weird, ghostly, unnatural, frightful, hideous, of obscure origin, a connexion with *elf* would be suitable for the sense, and is supported by the form *elphrish*, apparently the same word: "Joy that had something unearthly and eldritch in it."

FLABELLATION
(a) The action of fanning, the use of a fan to cool something, from the Latin *flabellum* a fan, *flabellare* to fan: " 'And how would you care for a spot of gentle flabellation, my darling?' he whispered to his awkward love. She paused for thought."

GALLIVANT
(b) To gad about, especially with members of the opposite sex. To roam in search of pleasure. A lively word for a lively activity. Perhaps a humorous perversion of *gallant*, usually in the present participle *gallivanting*: Walter Scott, *Journal*, 1826: "If we had been in retreat last year, instead of gallivanting in Ireland, this affair might not have befallen."

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Dressing up businesses in the colours of success

As British Rail prepares for privatisation, **Victoria McKee** *meets an image consultant who hopes to boost attitudes and efficiency*

George Stacey, the assistant manager of London's Fenchurch Street station, was cautious in his endorsement of British Rail's decision to spruce up its workforce for privatisation by calling in professional image makers. "I wouldn't mind, I suppose, as long as they don't tell me to wear pink."

Better communication and greater efficiency are by-products of improved appearance, according to the image-makers. Mary Spillane, the American head of the CMB (Color Me Beautiful) image consultancy in Europe, is charged with canvassing and influencing opinions on possible uniforms for the London Tilbury and Southend Region of Network SouthEast when it is sold as a BR franchise in April. Ms Spillane, once an adviser to Jimmy Carter, the former US president, and who has smartened up the images of many British politicians, including Paddy Ashdown, has had two image guides published.

She told one BR woman to wear more make-up: "You may say men don't need make-up, but until you're in charge of the railway network, wear it." Sharp, sleek haircuts were advised for most of the women. "Long hair has no place in the boardroom — men just think about running their fingers through it and don't take you seriously."

Mike Joseph, the assistant manager of BR's Westcliffe College, wearing a pink shirt with toning abstract tie and gold cufflinks, was already an enthusiastic disciple of the CMB creed. It was passed on to him by Andrew Cox, the manager of the London Tilbury and Southend Region, who had a personal consultation before arranging seminars for his staff. "It could be viewed by some customers as a waste of money," Mr Joseph said. "But think about it. This organisation is trying to be smart, professional and approachable — and that means a new look at the way we present ourselves." BR spends £350 a year on every member of uniformed staff, offering them a choice of clothes that, Ms Spillane said, most do not like or look good in. Of her seminars — which cost about £100 per person for a half-day session, during which they are given personal shopping guides and fabric swatches — Ms Spillane said: "The outlay repays itself immediately because staff become more productive. When you feel good about yourself you want to go on and do more — and that can transform British industry." It is much less expensive and more cost-effective, she argued, to work on the image and identity of individuals within a corporation than to change the corporate image through new logos and livery without changing staff attitudes.

"I've worked with several electricity boards and water companies before and during the transition to privatisation," Ms Spillane says. "That is a growing side of our business. The private sector realises that if they're marketing the same widgets at the same price as their competitors, the key difference is how their people present their widgets — and themselves."

"I did over the top management team of Eastern Electricity after privatisation — including image, dining etiquette and how to give proper board presentations," she said. "It all ties in together. Image is about the way you do business, not just how you look when you're doing business."



Mary Spillane is working towards smarter railways

John Bradley, managing director of the Heron Motor Group, is among a growing number of executives who is convinced image consultants can have a commercial effect. He had his senior managers made over by CMB two and a half years ago. "Last year there was an upturn in our business," he said. "I'm not saying our change of image was completely responsible for that upturn, of course, but there is no doubt that it did help to impress customers — whether they were buying cars or franchises.

"It's a very small investment, and now we've built it into our training programmes. Our sales staff, who are selling Rolls-Royces, Jaguars and Range Rovers, don't want to look like a used-car salesman."

Steve Tanner, of The Prudential, who advises on business improvement and communication, said sessions with image makers "have undoubtedly improved the group performance. I think we have found that members who haven't got a keen focus on image have been less successful than those who have". He adds: "Certainly Mary Spillane's advice helped me very much personally. She told me everything from how to fold a handkerchief properly to how to lose weight."

Public relations is an industry which is all about image, so Nick van Zanten, a PR training consultant, regularly brings in image consultants, including Mary Spillane, to do presentations. He said: "If you're going to boardroom level in any of *The Times* top 1,000 companies you can be pretty sure there are going to be some military people on the board and they always judge people by their shoes. Appearance and personal presentation are vital. Men can't go in with M&S suits with shiny bottoms and Cornish pastie shoes, and women can't be either the overdone "Gucci girl" or the "scatty, satin bomber jacket sort" and be taken seriously.

"It's also important to know that whereas "no man of renown ever wears brown" in England, as Mary likes to say, brown is perfectly OK in Italy, America or France. These little international nuances of appearance can be very important in doing business." Mr van Zanten says.

Sue Sadler, corporate press spokeswoman for Marks and Spencer, said: "It's not a corporate policy yet to hire image consultants — although some groups have been doing so on an individual basis [CMB has been to work on part of the food group] and others, like myself, have gone for a consultation privately.

"I went to a company called First Impressions, which I found myself. It's not something the company wants to get heavily involved in or pay for, but we recognise that image counts and we consider it important. We have hairdressers in many of our stores and teach our staff about presenting a neat and tidy image."

Christine Lyles, in charge of career skills development training for mid-career women at Barclays, believes image is vital. "It's wrong to view such things as frivolous, and most businesses should realise that by now. It should be an important part of any company's career structure today, and is particularly vital for women who can't be given an easy formula for dressing, as men can."

Ms Spillane, who advises on everything from dress to how to negotiate in Europe to how to be an effective corporate spouse, said: "Our research has shown that some 30 per cent of those who attend our seminars make an immediate change within days, while 50 per cent slowly implement change over some time. Suddenly you find you have new leaders, shakers and movers in the company."

Anything that could shake and move British Rail's service would surely be applauded by commuters. BR's Mr Joseph said: "I think the professionalism will go up because of this — and I see that happening already." But will the trains run on time?

Away with the Budget juggler, now we all need a skilled engineer



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Financing public spending and managing the economy is important enough. But the Budget is also an exercise in social engineering on the grand scale. Politicians may disclaim that, but a statute that accounts for 45 per cent of the nation's spending, and will need to tap almost 40 per cent of our incomes in taxes in 1994-5 to be credible, could hardly be anything else. Kenneth Clarke should use that power positively to tackle the deep-seated causes of the structural Budget deficit. Yes, there are more urgent priorities, but let's hope he remembers that the long term starts now.

Some Budget manipulation is rhetorical: such as pretending most income is taxed at only 25 per cent. The effects on behaviour of swingeing tobacco and alcohol levies, or reform of petroleum revenue tax, are incidental; differential petrol duty or reliefs for personal equity plans are intentional economic signals; tax aids for small business compensate for distortions caused by other laws. Rather too much of this social engineering is purely accidental.

The worst kind, you might think, is to impose a tax that directly causes an increase in public spending, requiring yet more of our money to be taken in taxes. Yet Norman Lamont did precisely that in March. Imposing VAT at 17½ per cent on domestic fuel, if confirmed, should raise £2.3 billion a year. Kenneth Clarke and his colleagues have been left to unveil the ensuing rise of several hundred millions in public spending on poverty relief. More will be subsumed in pensions and other benefits linked to retail prices. That must be paid for, too.

If Mr Clarke must keep raising indirect taxes, he should minimise the impact on public spending. A sensible start would be to establish a lower VAT rate for items zero-rated for social reasons, that he wants to draw into the net. Fixing fuel VAT at the 8 per cent "parking" rate rather than the 17½ per cent planned for 1995-6 would have less impact on public finances than on gross revenue.

This could be a less-disruptive rate for books, internal transport and, eventually, act as a single rate for all food — including that now taxed at 17½ per cent. Better than any of these, however, would be to announce an 8 per cent VAT on new houses to start in two years' time. That would help stimulate sales to clear builders' land stocks. In all but a few cases, the tax should thereafter be met out of planning gains in land values and have no effect on house prices.

Tax and social policy are closely intertwined. It would, for instance, be a fatuous waste of what the Treasury now calls "tax expenditure" to replace the Business Expansion Scheme with a new stimulus to small business creation when, in another part of the forest, the government is promoting a reform of the Shops Act that would, *inter alia*, lead to thousands of small businesses closing.

Nowhere is this tension clearer than in the tax regime for pensions. After Mr Lamont's politically painless £900 million levy on pension fund income, his successor is again eyeing reliefs still worth more than £9 billion a year. Since it is scarcely visible in the short term, another raid on pension funds' internal reliefs would also have economic appeal. For all the mechanical links that economic modellers make between, say, £10 billion of tax rises and 0.75 points of growth, it matters crucially where the taxes fall. Unlike cuts in contribution reliefs, another raid on pension funds need not immediately hurt consumers' spending power.

> 'You cannot claim to be fighting against unemployment and still tax labour costs'

In the long term, however, the government is anxious to curb public spending by persuading more people to provide for themselves with occupational or personal pensions. Tax relief on contributions is surely a powerful incentive. Shrinking internal returns now would surreptitiously cut pensioners' incomes just when the aging population might strain public finances. The tax regime is not sacrosanct. Some rationalisation of personal pension regimes is in order. But please, Mr Clarke, don't make further changes to satisfy short-term imperatives unless they are geared to long-term proposals on the best way to enhance private provision for later life.

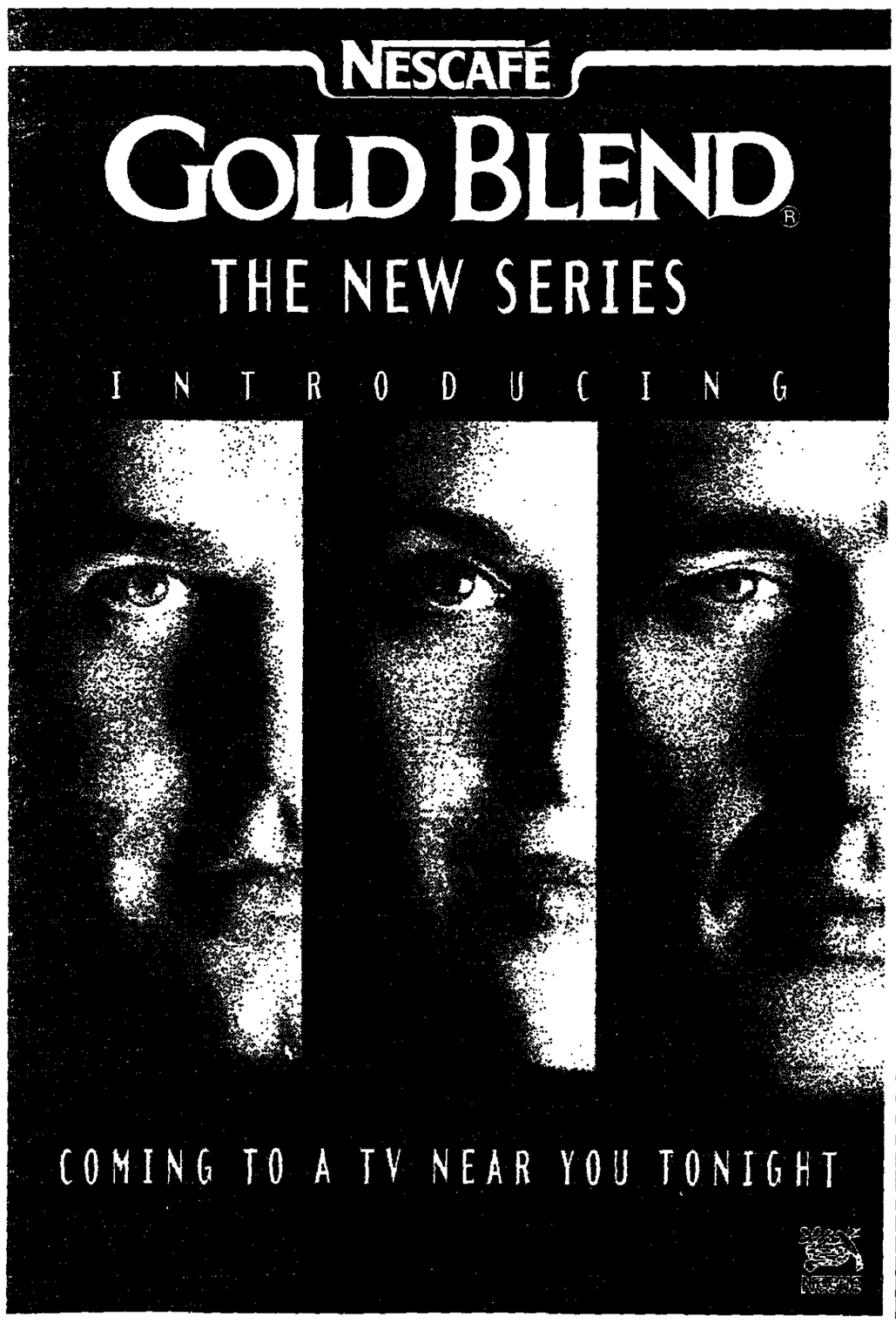
The central long-term issue is, however, how to reverse the vast increase in structural unemployment and individual poverty that lie at the heart of the Chancellor's Budget dilemma. To put this in perspective, the Treasury's macroeconomic efforts to hasten recovery and establish 3 per cent annual growth are unlikely to cut unemployment by more than a further 750,000. Structural unemployment has grown by double that over 20 years. Even more intractably, the widespread breakdown of income distribution through the family, and the loss of proper jobs for low-paid part-time work, have left vast numbers of households depending largely on public spending.

Non-cyclical unemployment needs tackling from both directions: increasing the use of labour per pound of output and cutting the numbers seeking work. The easiest task is to cut the tax on jobs. If demand for labour responds to lower pay at the bottom end, it should also respond to lower total employment costs higher up the scale, where so many service and managerial jobs are being lost. Cutting employers' total wage bills should help at least as much by enabling them to employ more.

You cannot claim to fight unemployment and still tax labour costs. How much better it would be to transfer the tax to profit, especially for new or struggling firms. That cannot absorb all employers' national insurance contributions; firms would be driven from Britain if profit were taxed at much more than 40 per cent. But a shift to corporation tax could immediately cut labour tax by about £7 billion. Much of the rest might logically come from removing the ceiling on employees' contributions, reforming self-employed NICs and by being more selective about the estimated £14 billion of capital allowances — another clumsy piece of social engineering. Mr Clarke should still protect labour-intensive construction and infrastructure investment, both via the tax system and in public spending.

Discouraging folk from joining the labour market, or easing yet more out of it, is much more fraught. At least the Treasury should have no truck with plans to raise women's retirement age to 65 or to push more students into the labour market. These "economies" will actually raise spending and taxation.

If there is any virtue in a unified Budget, it is to encourage Chancellors to look beyond juggling alternative sets of numbers to the complex interplay between Treasury and other departments' policies. If the proportion of national income spent through the government is to fall, the left hand must know what the right hand is doing, allow for it, or stop it.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Fashioned for dealing

PAULA Hamilton, the model who discarded jewellery and a fur coat in the Volkswagen Golf television ads, is set to make a rare appearance on a City catwalk as part of a fashion show aimed at women who work in the Square Mile. The show is the work of designer Andrea Galer, who will be keeping a watchful eye on proceedings at Saint Andrew Golf Club, in Allhallows Lane, next Monday. Her customers include solicitors, barristers, brokers, as well as celebrities such as Julie Christie, the actress, whom she met in 1973 while working as costume designer on the set of *Don't Look Now*. Appropriately, Galer dressed the actresses in Thames TV's *Capital City*, that raunchy City dealing room series, and her difficulty then in finding suitable clothes encouraged her to branch out. "The series got me thinking," she said. "This show is particularly applicable to my work." Guests will be asked for a minimum donation of £5 as their entrance fee to go to CARE, the international relief and development agency. Hamilton was up on stage in Glasgow last month, after flying in from America for an Armani fashion show.

Fancy an alternative holiday? How about Croatia, which has launched a campaign to win back much-need tourist revenue, reports PR Week. "There is only a small region tourists should avoid, which is occasionally attacked by terrorists," says a spokesman.

Dream lovers

ENTRIES are pouring in for our Dream Ticket draw in which readers are invited to guess the ten most popular destinations in British Airways' Dream Ticket promotion. The first entry to list the top ten in the correct order will earn the winner two Club Europe tickets to any of the Dream Ticket destinations in Europe, courtesy of BA, subject to availability, and to be taken before March 31 next year. Send entries by letter or postcard to: The City Diary Dream Ticket Draw; The Times; 1 Pennington Street; London; E1 9XN. The competition closes on November 30, and the result should be known by mid-December. Our usual competition rules apply.



Hamilton: back on catwalk

Tony who?

TONY Bloom, joint deputy chairman of Sketchley, the dry cleaning group, came down to earth with a bump when he arrived in London from South Africa five years ago. Bloom, who enjoyed a high profile as head of Premier Group, said his newfound anonymity did little for his credit rating. "I was turned down for a Marks and Spencer credit card at first," he says in an interview with *SA Times*, a new weekly newspaper. "Some people would freak out, but now, I think it's funny."

Action man

THE burgeoning cost to Mirror Group Newspapers of its Princess of Wales photos, reproduced in the public interest, has been hinted at by the RAC motoring organisation, the highest-profile name to withdraw its advertising in the wake of the ensuing row. An RAC spokesman tells me the money spent so far in just its latest advertising campaign in the *Daily Mirror* et al was "worth over six figures." However, the group holds out an olive branch — or spare tyre — to the miscreants of Holborn Circus. The spokesman adds the RAC would not rule out advertising with MGN ever again — "but we would want to see them abiding by stricter codes of practice. We want to see a bit of action."

On your skates

BROOMBALL is back! City teams are invited to compete in the new Exco Broomball League, which kicks off at Broadgate on November 29. Corroded pipes scuppered the contest last year, but a brand new ice-rink, which opens to the public on Monday, should ensure a smooth ride this time. It costs £60 a team to enter, with half the entry fee going to Children in Need, and mixed teams in particular are welcome. Details are available from Louise Bolton on 071-588 6565.

Cash in sight

GLAXO, one of the British drugs companies entangled in the alleged "drugs-for-bribes" controversy, has now come clean about a £12,000 cash pile it retains for favoured journalists. However, speculation of a slush fund for Fleet Street's finest should be nipped in the bud immediately. The lucre is earmarked for up to six reporters in Glaxo's sponsorship of its 1993 Science Writer Awards. Interesting to see whether our colleagues on the *Sunday Times* Insight team, which broke the inducements-for-GPs story, put in an entry...

JON ASHWORTH

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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (68551)
7.00 Breakfast News (52617667)
9.05 Kilroy. A topical discussion (s) (9148193) **9.45 Newshound** News quiz (s) (1590735)
10.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3864342) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6278984) **10.30 Good Morning ... with Anne and Nick**. Daily magazine show (78450280)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Lunchtime entertainment with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (2393648) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (76323280)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) (62862)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (42262667)
1.50 XYZ. General knowledge quiz, presented by George Marshall (42266483)
2.15 Snooker. The UK Championship (s) (663396)
3.45 Children's BBC: The Adventures of Spot (7909377) **3.50 The Greedysaurus Gang**. Dinosaur tales (s) (7817342) **4.00 Star Pets** (s) (1633990) **4.15 Bananaman** (r) (5248919) **4.20 Mortimer and Arabel**. Puppet drama (s) (9392754) **4.30 Albert the 5th Musketeer** (r). (Ceefax) (1432464) **4.55 Newsround** (8793342) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (2132483)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (356445). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (735)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (777). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Telly Addicts. Noel Edmonds hosts the television quiz. Nerys Hughes and Kenneth Connor set questions on their small-screen careers (s) (3006)
7.30 Watchdog. Anne Robinson presents the consumer magazine. (Ceefax) (241)
8.00 The Good Life. Self-sufficiency comedy series. Tom and Barbara suspect that Margo is having an affair (r). (Ceefax) (2754)



Tim Healy as the police negotiator (8.30pm)

8.30 Crime Limited, presented by Nick Ross. A reconstruction of events in Darlington, during Easter 1992, when 21-year-old Leanne Rees was held hostage at gunpoint by her estranged boyfriend, and father of her two children. *(Ceefax) (r)* (1261)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (9025)
9.30 Panorama. Tom Mangold investigates MI6, Britain's secret intelligence service (319174)
10.15 CHOICE **The Life and Loves of a She Devil** (r). (Ceefax) (876648). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page (624025); 10.40-11.40 The Life and Loves of a She Devil (183006). **Wales:** 10.10 Expert Witness (615377); 10.40-11.15 Face Off (333174)
11.15 Film 93 with Barry Norman. Tonight's reviews include *CB4*, *Benefit of the Doubt*, *Hard Target* and *Addams Family Values* (s) (547984). **Northern Ireland:** 11.40-12.10am Film 93 with Barry Norman (969434) **Wales:** 11.15-12.15am The Life and Loves of a She Devil (865532)
11.45 Careering Ahead. Single mothers who want to work (r) (642483). **Northern Ireland:** 12.10am-12.40 Careering Ahead (3933385)
12.15am Weather (6643830). Ends at **12.20**. **Wales:** 12.15am Film 93 (65656); 12.45-1.15 Careering Ahead (97255)
3.00-3.30 BBC Select. RCN Nursing Update: Unit 40 — Using and Abusing Alcohol (37304)

BBC2

6.45 FILM: Look Who's Laughing (1941, b/w). Routine comedy vehicle for the ventriloquist Edgar Bergen and his dummy Charlie McCarthy. Directed by Allan Dwan (5220025)
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (9475532)
8.15 Westminster Daily (9498483)
8.30 Arthur Negus Enjoys. Temple Newsman near Leeds (r) (3299280) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Pathe News of 1953 (6374193)
9.00 Soviet 1929-1933. Cotton was known as "white gold" in the Soviet Union (7672716)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children: **1.20 Gordon T. Gopher** (87783735) **1.30 Christopher Crocodile** (96231938) **1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair** (96230209) **2.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (90163087) **2.05 Numbertime** (s) (14024087)
2.15 Regional Westminster Programmes (748006). **Northern Ireland:** The Third Age
2.45 A Week to Remember. As 8.50am (6080984)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4582193) **3.05 Steam Across the Mountains**. The Zig Zag railway in Australia (9949483) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (7815984)
4.00 Snooker. The UK Championship (3483)
6.00 Def II: The Real McCoy. Stand-up comedy, with guest Norman Beaton from *Desmond's* (r) (s) (377) **6.30 Def II: Les Lives**. Les continues to explore the moon (s) (165938)
6.35 Cyberpunks and Technophobes. Although children in Britain are fascinated by science, teenagers seem to prefer the arts. Tim Parsons, Douglas Adams and Craig Charles discuss how to put the fun back into science education (121358)
7.15 Top Gear Rally Report. The second day of the RAC Rally takes part in Wales (129261)
7.30 The Ark. The final battle in the fight for London Zoo's survival (r). (Ceefax) (31648)



Scott Bakula and Dean Stockwell (8.30pm)

8.30 Quantum Leap. A feature-length episode of the offbeat time-travel series. Sam (Scott Bakula) is propelled into the body of Lee Harvey Oswald, reliving his experiences in Japan, his meetings with the KGB, and the assassination of John F. Kennedy. With Dean Stockwell, and Natasha Pavlova as Marina Oswald. (Ceefax) (31700)
10.00 Inside Victor Lewis-Smith. The offbeat humorist presents more comic observations from his hospital bed (94700)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (757091)
11.15 CHOICE **The Zapruder Footage**. A *Late Show* special (132667)
11.55 Weatherview (855396)
12.00 Top Gear Rally Report. RAC Rally highlights (7346526) **12.20am Snooker**. The UK Championship (s) (3183878). Ends at **1.50**
2.00 Night School (37014). Ends at **4.00**

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CHOICE

Cutting Edge: Educating Stephen
Channel 4, 9.00pm

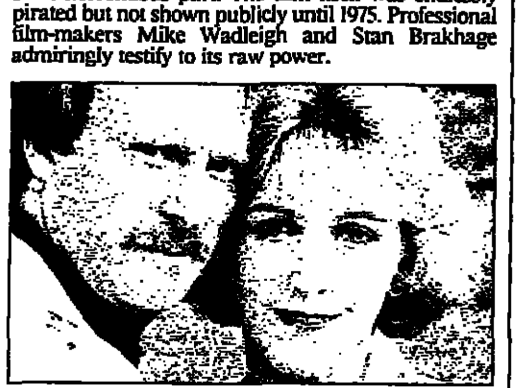
Stephen, a 14-year-old from Bradford, has been a dedicated truant for three years. In that time he has had little education and he can barely read or write. Stephen comes from a deprived estate with high unemployment. His friend, Darren, another habitual truant, has a single parent mother who used to play truant herself. Yet this documentary, timed to coincide with the government's league tables, is not trying to make easy connections. Rather, it points to the lack of pattern. Another truant, Samantha, comes from a stable home and had an excellent record at her previous school. The film charts the attempts to coax Stephen and other youngsters back into the classroom. It is not a job you would wish on anyone.

Where Were You?
ITV, 9.00pm

Getting people to cough up their memories of November 22, 1963, is a hackneyed game, but one that seems destined to run and run. This latest restrospect on Kennedy assassination day gets no marks for originality but is still compelling. For younger viewers it may help to explain why the early death of this youthful, handsome president should have carried such symbolic weight. Those old enough to remember the dreadful announcement, as it came over television and wireless, may find difficulty reliving the experience without a tug on the emotions. Contributors include the disc jockey John Peel, who was in Dallas and posed as a newspaper reporter, and the son of Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev.

The Zapruder Footage
BBC2, 11.15pm

Abraham Zapruder, a Dallas dressmaker and amateur cine photographer, heard that President Kennedy was coming to town and decided to capture *the occasion for his grandchildren. His jerky, rough-*edged footage, in vivid colour but with no sound and lasting only 22 seconds, is the most striking record of *the assassination. It can well claim to be the world's* most famous home movie. This *Late Show* special tells its story. Zapruder sold the publication rights to *Time* magazine which ran a sequence of stills leaving out the most horrendous part. The film itself was endlessly pirated but not shown publicly until 1975. Professional film-makers Mike Wadleigh and Stan Brakhage admiringly testify to its raw power.



Dennis Waterman, Patricia Hodge (BBC1, 10.15pm)

The Life and Loves of a She Devil
BBC1, 10.15pm

A famous drama from the 1980s gets a belated second showing and promises to lose none of its bite. Fay Weldon's love triangle has the novelty that the wronged woman uses diabolic powers to gain her revenge. It is the tale of accountant Bobbo who leaves his wife Ruth for the glamorous Mary. Dennis Waterman escapes his lovable cockney roles to play Bobbo and Patricia Hodge is the perfect Mary. But the revelation of the series was the performance of Julie T. Wallace as the devilish Ruth. Obliged to play a character who stands more than six feet tall and weighs 15 stone, Wallace rises to the challenge triumphantly and, in a medium that puts a premium on looks, not a little courageously. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV presented by Michael Wilson and Lorraine Kelly **9.00 Top of the Morning**, including health matters with Dr Hilary Jones (8921280)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Managed by Dale Winton (s) (7600629) **9.55 London Today** (6350532)
10.00 The Time ... The Place. Topical discussion with John Stapleton (s) (3467754)
10.35 This Morning Presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (78451919) **12.20 London Today** and weather (7258174)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (9296396)
12.55 Coronation Street. Curly makes a confession (r). (Teletext) (9271087)
1.25 Home and Away. Donald and Angel prepare to return to school (Teletext) (30540445)
1.55 A Country Practice. Luke Ross is caught cheating (s) (42250822)
2.20 Capital Woman. Shyama Perera reports on a residential drug project, and Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner investigate emotions and feelings (s) (59889087)
2.50 The Young Doctors. Sherry tells Chris how she feels about him (7335648) **3.20 ITN News** (4599483) **3.25 London Today** (4598754)
3.30 Children's ITV: Tots TV (s) (2538735) **3.40 Wizadora** (7919754) **3.50 Wowser** (r) (7915938) **4.00 Sooty and Co**. With Matthew Corbett (s) (6473939) **4.25 Tiny Toon Adventures** (4956700) **4.50 How 2** (2638613)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2126822)
5.40 ITN Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (973261)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (10280)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Four more contestants take part in the brains and brawn competition. Presented by Gordon Burns (Teletext) (8174)
7.30 Coronation Street. Jim and Liz try to map out Andy's future. (Teletext) (667)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. High-tech game show with Michael Barrymore. (Teletext) (s) (7822)

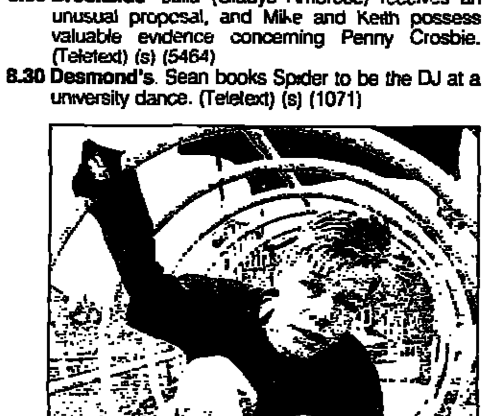


Dr Karen Heath flies to the rescue (8.30pm)

8.30 Blues and Twos. In this pilot programme for a series on the emergency services, the Helicopter Emergency Medical Service heads for the scene of the Bishopsgate bombing, which took place during filming (s) (3629)
9.00 CHOICE **Where Were You?** Memories of Kennedy's assassination. (Teletext) (5311)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) (94754) **10.30 London Tonight** (823377)
10.40 Sports Awards. Jim Rosenthal presents the eighth annual ITV Sports Awards ceremony from London's Café Royal (178174)
11.40 Magnum. Tom Selleck, as the Hawaiian detective, protects a dog from being kidnapped (111209)
12.30am The Beat. Music from the Dylans, the Auteurs, and the Shamen (s) (32410)
1.30 60 Minutes. American news magazine (3960588)
2.20 Nite Bites. Welsh favourites (7849236)
2.30 Sport AM. With Bob Symonds (98323)
3.30 Videofashion. The return of the sweater girl (57217)
4.00 Hollywood Report (r) (s) (61410)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (23101)
5.00 Riviera. French soap (94101)
5.30 ITN Morning News (23052). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (1042990) **6.50 The Wombles**. Cartoon with an environmental message (r) (2767261)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin. Including at **7.05** Fender Bender, **7.35** The Crunch, **7.50** Snack, Cackle and Pop, **8.45** Me and My Report, and at **8.50** Paula's Boudoir (92445)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show (r) (s) (71803)
9.30 Schools: Geography — Start Here! (5132342) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (5228193) **10.02** Science — Start Here! (6193735) **10.18** World Studies (6009342) **10.40** The English Programme (8967648) **11.07** Time for Maths (7620071) **11.18** Your World (7717551) **11.30** Rat-A-Tat-Tat (5329938) **11.45** Junior Technology (5317193)
12.00 Right to Reply. Sheena McDonald presents viewers' comments on television programmes (r). (Teletext) (s) (91667)
12.30 Sesame Street Early learning series (87803)
1.30 Bobobobs. Environmental cartoon adventures in outer space (r) (93254)
12.00 FILM: Third Time Lucky (1949, b/w). British drama starring Dermot Walsh as a professional gambler whose luck runs out when he falls in love with Glynis Johns. With Charles Goldner and Harcourt Williams. Directed by Gordon Parry (894754)
3.40 Vis à Vis. A short film about two lonely people on opposite sides of the street who finally meet (r) (2443613)
3.55 Plant Life. Pruning (r). (Teletext) (3291209)
4.30 Fifteen to One William G. Stewart hosts the general knowledge quiz. (Teletext) (s) (280)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Gay Byrne hosts lively discussion from Dublin (s) (5087)
6.00 Batman. Comic-strip capers Batman and Robin set out to foil the Joker's (Cesar Romero) dastardly plan to corrupt Gotham City's youth (445)
6.30 The Wonder Years Nostalgic drama series starring Fred Savage (r). (Teletext) (975)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow (Teletext) and weather (202342)
7.50 Comment David Whisson opposes the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Walton-upon-Thames, Surrey (926396)
8.00 Brookside Julia (Gladys Ambrose) receives an unusual proposal, and Mike and Keith possess valuable evidence concerning Penny Crosbie. (Teletext) (s) (5464)
8.30 Desmond's. Sean books Spider to be the DJ at a university dance. (Teletext) (s) (1071)



Stephen Sanderson playing truant (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Educating Stephen**. (Teletext) (8613)
10.00 Homicide: Life on the Street. *Hill Street Blues*-style drama series about a Baltimore homicide squad. Bolander (Ned Beatty) and Munch (Richard Belzer) investigate the same death twice. With Yaphet Kotto, Daniel Baldwin and Melissa Leo. (Teletext) (s) (1700)
11.00 American Football: The Big Match. Gary Imlach introduces NFL action (513939)
12.20am Evening Shade. Wood (Burt Reynolds) takes Taylor and Herman on their annual hunting trip. With Jay R. Ferguson and Michael Jeter (r) (s) (3941304)
12.50 Let the Blood Run Free. Anarchic hospital comedy from Australia (r). (Teletext) (8467087). Ends at **1.15**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Evening Session with Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq **9.00** Windbags: Jo Brand and Donna McPhail talk to Sue Carpenter **9.30** Glitter and Twisted with Noddy Holder **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy incl at **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Terry Wogan incl at **8.40** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg **7.30** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with the Best of Jazz **10.00** A Swing Affair with Jeff Hooper **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Steve Madden incl at **1.30** Pause for Thought **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools. Active Scienes: **9.20** Storybox: **9.30** The Song Tree Music Course; **9.45** Let's Move **10.05** History 9-11 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30** More Nosh, Less Dosh: Fish and chips **1.00** News and Sport **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's Drive-In **6.30** The Green Hornet **7.15** Love Them, Hate Them: Murder by Omelette by Hazel Townson **7.30** Champion Sport **10.10** Fabulous! **12.00-12.10am** News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The Learning World **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Kershaw in Cuba **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Images of Britain **9.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News **10.01** Making America **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Hoax **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf The Master **2.45** American Icons **3.00** News **3.15** Cowboys. See Choice **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** Business Report **11.15** On Screen **11.30** Multitrack 1 **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Quote, Unquote **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Hoax **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports **3.30** John Peel **4.00** News **4.15** Health Matters

CLASSIC FM

.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Bloch (Schelomo) **.0** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Sports with Margaret Howard **7.00** Close Encounters of a Musical Kind, with conductor Gennadi Rozhdestvensky **.0** Evening Concert: Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia); Handel (Ode for St Cecilia's ...), Britten (Simple Symphony) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André ...n

VIRGIN 1215

...am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard ...ner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** ...my Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson ...0 Nick Abbot **2.00am** Paul Coyle

ANGLIA

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 The Good Yarn Show (59889087) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (2126822) **6.00** Home and Away (920532) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (611261) **10.40-11.10** Marquee (398990) **11.10** ITV Sports Awards (961006) **12.10am** Love and War (7320588) **12.35** Tropical Heat (3532878) **1.35** Sport AM (7537385) **2.30** Donahue (4381255) **3.20** The Beat (9108168) **4.15** Out of Limits (77473694) **4.30** Riviera (39180385) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1911994)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55pm Shortland Street (42250822) **2.20** Cooking with Kurma (59889087) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (7335648) **5.10-5.40** Animal Country (2126822) **6.00** Home and Away (920532) **6.25-7.00** Central News (611261) **11.40** World Championship Boxing (200532) **12.40am** Sail the World (6658762) **1.10** Coach (2335762) **1.40** FILM: What a Crazy World (7993323) **3.10** Sport AM (8955830) **4.10** Jobfinder (7623948) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8332471)

HTV WEST

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Yan Can Cook (59889087) **6.00-7.00** HTV News (10280) **10.40** Married with Children (398990) **11.10** Foley Square (291754) **11.40** War of the Worlds (593754) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (3532878) **1.35** Sport AM (7537385) **2.30** Donahue (4381255) **3.20** The Beat (9108168) **4.15** Out of Limits (77473694) **4.30** Rivera (39180385) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1911994)

VARIATIONS

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00pm Wales at Six (803) **6.30-7.00** Primetime (483) **10.40** A Welsh Trilogy — Confrontations with the Past (516731) **11.25-11.40** World Cup Hall of Fame (178464)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6350532) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7258174) **2.20** Houseparty (59889087) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7335648) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (4598754) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes (577938) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (803) **6.30-7.00** Beside The Seaside (483) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (823377) **11.40-12.30pm** Beverly Hills, 90210 (111209) **2.30am-3.30** Sport AM (98323) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (94101)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 2.20pm An Invitation to Remember (59898735) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (3648087) **3.25-3.30** Tyne Tees News (4598754) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (381483) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (483) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (823377) **10.40** Young Jazz Player of the Year (516731) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (237551) **12.20am** Sail the World (3943762) **12.50** FILM: Long Live Life (538728) **2.50** Entertainment UK (3757410) **3.50** ITV Chart Show (9393694) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (9135439)

ULSTER

As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (42250822) **2.20-2.50** Crosswits (59889087) **3.25-3.30** UTV Live (4598754) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (10280) **10.30** UTV Live (823377) **10.40** Fish Tales (398990) **11.10** Married with Children (291754) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (593754) **12.35am** Tropical Heat (3532878) **1.35** Sport AM (7537385) **2.30** Donahue (4381255) **3.20** The Beat (9108168) **4.15** Out of Limits (77473694) **4.30** FILM: Riviera (39180385) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1911994)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55pm The Young Doctors (27073358) **2.25** Gardening Time (59888358) **2.55-3.20** A Country Practice (1778844) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (10280) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (398990) **11.10** ITV Sports Awards (961006) **12.10am** Around the World in 15 Minutes With Peter Ustinov (7320588) **12.35** Tropical Heat (3532878) **1.35** Sport AM (7537385) **2.30** Donahue (4381255) **3.20** The Beat (9108168) **4.15** Out of Limits (77473694) **4.30** Riviera (39180385) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 2.20pm An Invitation to Remember (59898735) **2.45-2.50** Help Yourself (3648087) **5.55** Calendar News (381483) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (483) **10.30** Calendar News (823377) **10.40** Young Jazz Player of the Year (516731) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (237551) **12.20am** Sail the World (3943762) **12.50** FILM: Long Live Life (538728) **2.50** Entertainment UK (3757410) **3.50** ITV Chart Show (9393694) **4.45-5.30** Jobfinder (9135439)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (92445) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (71803) **9.30** Schools (383071) **12.00** Right to Reply (91667) **12.30pm** Slot Meithrin (43713) **1.00** Roseanne (95532) **1.30** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (93254) **2.00** FILM: Kipps (7984) **4.00** Slot 23 (6551) **5.00** Batman (9280) **5.30** Fifteen to One (532) **6.00** Newyddion (579795) **6.25** Heno (619803) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6716) **7.30** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (209) **8.00** Snwcer (5464) **8.30** Newyddion (1071) **9.00** Sgorio (8613) **10.00** Brookside (92396) **10.30** Cheers (78716) **11.00** American Football (342532) **12.15am** Another Journey by Train (275491)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air with Andrew McGregor. Britten (Dawn, Four Sea Interludes from Peter Grimes); Fauré (Papillon); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 14 in E flat, K449); Vivaldi (Concerto in C for two Oboes and Two Clarinets); Ireland (Leaves from a Child's Sketchbook)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Andrzej Panufnik (Concerto Festivo; Boatrace, Thames Pageant; Song to the Virgin Mary; Cello Concerto)
10.00 Musical Encounters: Parry (English Suite); Taverner (Mater Christi); Parry, arr Finzi (Choral Fantasia, When I survey); Finzi (Dies Natalis); Delius (Violin Sonata No 3); Robin Holloway (Serenade for Orchestra); Holst (St Paul's Suite)
12.00 The Beggar's Opera: How the story has been interpreted by different composers. This week, Act 1 in which Polly Peachum's parents, "respectable" crooks, disapprove when she marries a highwayman (1 of 3)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London. A selection of French songs and instrumental pieces from the 14th century with Andrew Lawrence-King, harp, and Christopher Wilson, lute.
2.00 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier with Cécile Ousset, piano, performs Dukas (Overture: Polyucte); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F), Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique)
3.45 Music for Organ: Mikolaj z Krakowa (Veschel schya polska Corona; Preambulum in D; Introitus de Resurrectione Domini); Anon (Primus Tonus); Wartecki (Kyrie, organ mass); Zelechowski (Fantasia sopra primo tono); Mikolaj z Krakowa (De Sancto Johanne Baptista; Nunc Rogemus); Podbielski (Praeludium); Anon (Phantasia Octavi Toni; O przenaslawnyeysza Panno): Three Dances. Poznanie: Jeszcze Marczynye, Hayduczky)
4.30 Time and Silence: See Choice
5.00 In Tune including Beethoven (Nine Variations, Wo069): Britten (Hymn to St Cecilia); Debussy (Premièr Rhapsodie). Schütz (Selig sind die Toten)
8.00 Gorecki, live from the Festival Hall. The BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier perform Refrain; concerto-Cantata; Beatus Vir. In the interval at **8.45** Stephen Johnson looks at the role of religion in contemporary Polish music
9.45 Snapshots
10.05 Janet Baker sings Brahms (Von ewiger Liebe); Schubert (Du bist die Ruh; Totengräber-Weise)
10.25 Chopin Nocturnes: Kathryn Stott, piano, plays No 1 in B flat minor, Op9 No 1, No 4 in F, Op 15 No 1; Mo 19 in E minor, Op 15 No 1; No 19 in E minor, Op 72 No 1" No 12 in G, Op 37 No 2
10.45 Mixing It: A look at the Polish scene where folk fiddlers have collaborated with reggae musicians
11.30 Music Restored: The Hilliard Ensemble performs sacred music from the Middle Ages and Renaissance
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.225am Night School (Except in Scotland. As broadcast this am on R5)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Rabbi Lionel Blue **8.35** The Week on 4
8.43 Our American Hero, John F. Kennedy was assassinated 30 years ago. Michael Goldfarb recalls the reactions provoked **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and Mary Ann Sieghart of *The Times*, plus Joan Bakewell, author and broadcaster Robert Kee, playwright Tony Kushner and editor of the *Penguin Book of Interviews*, Christopher Silvester
10.00-10.30 (**FM** only) **The Mating Game**: Lionel Kelleway presents the natural history game
10.00 News; Daily Service (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Jeremiah (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray. Libby Spurrier discusses St Cecilia, the patron saint of music. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby. Telephone 071-580 4444 from 10.00am
12.00 News; You and Yours, with John Howard
12.25pm Aumonier's World: Freddie Finds Himself. Series based on the work of Stacy Aumonier. With John Baddeley and Julian Rhind (3/4) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Back of the Tiger A drama by Jack Gerson, broadcast to mark the thirtieth anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination (r)
3.30 Conversation Piece, Sue MacGregor talks to Jatinder Verma, artistic director of Tara Arts
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Robert Dawson-Scott visits a new production of Wagner's *Lohengrin* at the English National Opera
4.45 Short Story: Dark Red Roses, by Stacy Aumonier. Read by John Baddeley (r)
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Royal Bed. Hywel Bennett stars in a new version of Saunders Lewis's classic love story
9.00 Dot, Dot, Dash. Joanna Buchan pursues the development of Morse code and dances through Benesh Movement Notation (r)
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod
10.45 Book at Bedtime: We Are Still Married. Read and written by Garrison Keillor (1 of 8)
11.00 You Heard It Here First: Second Thoughts, By Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie. Starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, inc **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Polska! Time and Silence. *Radio 3, 4.30pm.*
Brian Morton's six-part history of jazz in Poland kicks off with a bird's-eye view of a subject about which we in the West know practically nothing. Although jazz now belongs in the mainstream of Polish culture, it was only as recently as 1956 that its first green shoots began to push through the ice under which it was buried, first by the Nazis, then the communists. Morton recalls how, in a Warsaw café, the duo of Panuflik and Lutoslawski would clandestinely switch from approved-of Mozart to proscribed Gershwin. Happily for today's Poles all that has now changed.

Cowboys. *BBC World Service, 3.15pm.*
Home on the range — according to reporter Nick Rankin — the deer and the antelope no longer roam. But there is still an absence of discouraging words and cloudy skies. Rankin's report was compiled during a national cowboy symposium in Texas. The mythical western hero has been trendily updated from medieval knight on horseback to "the best environmentalist in the United States" because he spends every day close to nature in the Great Outdoors. **Peter Davalle**

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50696280) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (4228716) **9.10** Cartoons (9739648) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (55377) **10.00** Card Sharks (3241938) **10.25** Concentration (8574648) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8377735) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (40006) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (35071) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (59193) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (54648) **2.00** The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald (15822) **3.00** Another World (8560667) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8462938) **5.00** Star Trek, The Next Generation (4377) **6.00** Games World (1919) **6.30** Paradise Beach (2071) **7.00** Rescue (5006) **7.30** Growing Pains (4483) **8.00** JFK: Reckless Youth (84803) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (57498) **11.00** The Untouchables (58071) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (63255) **1.00pm** Night Court (42584) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (42323)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise Europe (8961342) **9.30** Roving Report (44071) **10.30** The Book Show (41385) **11.30** Japan Business Today (26919) **12.30pm** News/Business (41321) **1.30** Morning News (91880) **2.30** Parliament Live (28716) **3.30** Parliament Live (37735) **4.30** News/Business (1396) **5.00** Live at Five (868754) **7.30** News Special (66464) **9.30** Talkback (64071) **11.30** News (26209) **12.30am** World News (85526) **1.30** Special Report (38491) **2.30** Travel Destinations (44101) **3.30** Talkback (56946) **4.30** Special Report (72323) **5.30-6.00** News (61236)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6801984)
10.00 Queimada! (1969). Marlon Brando starts a riot in the Carribean (60209)
12.00 Paper Lion (1968). Film version of George Plimpton's honorary membership of the Detroit Lions football team (29025)
2.00pm Big Man on Campus (1990). A shy student attempts to become cool (87990)
4.00 A High Wind in Jamaica (1965) Grumpy old sea dog Anthony Quinn considers walking the plank (9209)
6.00 Once Upon a Crime (1992): An American couple in Rome have misadventures with a lost dachshund (18533938)
7.40 Special Feature: John Landis: (831629)
8.00 Bonnie and Clyde: The True Story (1992) Dana Ashbrook and Tracey Needham play the young hoodlums (24138938)
9.40 UK Top Ten (522193)
10.00 Pacific Heights (1990): Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith find themselves saddled with a bad tenant (436006)
11.45 Freeway Maniac (1988): An escapee from a mental asylum looks for new victims (582254)
1.20am Deadly Surveillance (1991): Cops find themselves in a criminal underworld (7176694)
2.50 Leather Jackets (1990): Three teenagers rob a liquor store (9805948)
4.15 Ghoulies (1985): A young couple discover their newly-inherited mansion is stuffed to the rafters with ghosts (330052) Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

8.00pm Gandhi (1982): Richard Attenborough's version of the life of the great Indian statesman (4564280)
10.00 Raging Bull (1980, b/w). Robert De Niro as the boxer who fights his way to the top and then back down again (47150261). Ends at **12.10**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Battle of the Coral Sea (1959, b/w): US submarine captain Cliff Robertson is captured by the Japanese (57825957)
7.40 Snow White in Happily Ever After: Children's fantasy adventure (9836990)
9.00 Hiawatha: Animated film (43700)
10.00 The Swinger (1966): Magazine journalist Ann-Margret pretends to be a groovy chick to try to win the affections of soft porn editor Tony Francosa (51551)
12.00 Lilies of the Field (1963): Sidney Poitier helps nuns to build a church (190700)
1.50pm Death of a Scoundrel (1956, b/w) George Sanders plays a social climber (77798754)
4.00 Snow White in Happily Ever After (as at 7.40am) (63982071)
5.50 Dead on the Money (1991): An actress falls in love with a sinister fan (66282445)
7.30 Xposure (7193)
8.00 The Mambo Kings (1992) Two Cuban musicians angle for a spot on the *I Love Lucy Show* (56223)
10.00 Scanner Force (1991) A man tries to help his telepathic twin sister (434648)
11.45 Intimate Stranger (1986). Debby Harry is targeted by a murderer when she works on phone sex lines (457919)
1.25am Homer and Eddie (1987) Escaped mental patient Whoopi Goldberg hits the road with brain-damaged drifter James Belushi (537946)
3.05 Heaven Tonight (1987): The family of a former Australian rock and roll star are justifiably appalled when he decides to make a come-back (388588). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (85193) **7.30** Adventure Sport (53396) **8.30** Fishing (94377) **9.00** Prime Bodies (85629) **9.30** American Sports (68629) **10.30** Rugby League (75378) **12.30pm** FA Premiership Football (21209) **2.30** US PGA Golf (98648) **4.30** Fishing (5754) **5.00** Windsurfing (4342) **5.30** Trucks and Tractors (6006) **6.00** Soccer News (815261) **6.15** WWF (701272) **7.00** Live Football (80345822) **10.15** Soccer News (778445) **10.30** The Football Quiz (93782) **11.00** Ringside (98613) **12.00-2.00am** Football (69269)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (48464) **8.30** Rallying from Birmingham (89445) **8.30** Synchro Swimming from Belgium (27025) **9.30** Figure Skating. Lalique Trophy from Paris (75648) **11.00** Alpine Skiing from Switzerland (75716) **12.00** Motorsport (13990) **1.00pm** Rallying (79532) **1.30** Tennis. WTA Virginia Slims Masters from New York (32396) **3.30** American Football (2603) **4.00** Eurofun (1938) **4.30** Figure Skating (47667) **6.30** News (2687) **7.00** Car Racing (12532) **8.30** Rallying (7629) **9.00** Boxing (46667) **10.00** Eurogoals (49754) **11.00** Golf: Japanese Tour (96209) **12.00-12.30am** News (99033)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (4981087) **7.30** Neighbours (4993822) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7151464) **8.30** EastEnders (7150735) **9.00** The Bill (7141087) **9.30** Nanny (2169919) **10.30** Rockcliffe's Babies (5418071) **11.30** Rhoda (8943990) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7154551) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1332648) **1.00** EastEnders (4980358) **1.30** The Bill (1331919) **2.00** Never Mind the Quality (8015087) **2.30** Shelley (1873764) **3.00** Dallas (9854006) **4.00** Dynasty (9860613) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8039667) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7273700) **6.00** Neighbours (1570533) **6.30** EastEnders (7473303) **7.00** Nanny (9314342) **8.00** Never Mind the Quality (8028551) **8.30** Shelley (8014358) **9.00** Rockcliffe's Babies (9416754) **10.00** The Bill (7155280) **10.30** The Young Ones (4595087) **11.10** Top of the Pops (9078532) **11.45** Dr Who (5718687) **12.15am** FILM: Tension at Table Rock (1956): Gunslinger with Richard Egan (8215410) **1.55-3.00** Shopping (39703526)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (240667) **9.00** Jack in the Box (38396) **11.00** Stories Without Words (37445) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (38174) **12.00** Fame (80822) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (36984) **3.00** The Care Bears (1255648) **3.25** RatKan II (3320377) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (7377) **4.00** Clyde (3984) **4.30-5.00** The Snow Spider (5396)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (83735) **7.30** Guts (99342) **8.00** Get the Picture (93648) **8.30** Wild Side (92919) **9.00** We All Have Tales (43241) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (30613) **10.00** Janosch (52377) **10.30** David the Gnome (94993) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Brahm's Elephant Show (11483) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (77667) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (14623) **1.00** David the Gnome (82006) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (33700) **2.00** Janosch (4532) **2.30** Junior Story Time (3532) **3.00** Kablooey (3667) **3.30** Out of Control (5377) **4.00** Fraggle Rock (1984) **4.30** Hey Dude (3396) **5.00** Clarissa (2984) **5.30** Get the Picture (4648) **6.00** Guts (4261) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (2613)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Earthfile (9975046) **4.30** From Monkeys to Apes (8724290) **5.00** For Real (8037209) **5.30** Anything is Possible (8073782) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5564648) **6.50** Only in Hollywood (6009551) **7.00** The Extremists (8017445) **7.30** Valhalla (3879343) **8.00** Wildside (9494532) **9.00** Terra X (9980667) **9.30** Pacifica (1343754) **10.00** Into the Volcano (4125919) **10.55** Birds in Australia (7740803) **11.55-12.00** Only in Hollywood (5541071)

BRAVO

12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (7156919) **12.30pm** FILM: Dance Hall (1950) With Natasha Parry, Jane Hylton and Diana Dors (72325629) **1.50** Death Valley Days (7215822) **2.25** FILM: San Francisco Story (1952) Joel McCrea in the Gold Rush (23723445) **3.50** Robert Benchley (36523483) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7397712) **4.30** My Three Sons (4124236) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8024735) **5.30** The Donny And Marie Show (6124416) **6.00** I Spy (1335735) **7.00** Cannon (9412938) **8.00** FILM: Serious Charge (1962, b/w) A vicar is accused of making homosexual advances (27794803) **9.45** Arr Linkletter (2556984) **10.00** FILM: Gonks Go Beat (1965): With top 60s beat groups (5810377) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (6849716)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (1886193) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (2151629) **8.30** Living Dayfights (2070700) **9.00** Divorce Court (2167280) **9.30** Hot Topics (4307667) **10.00** Health UK (2867358) **10.30** Living Extra (2163464) **11.00** On the House (8302716) **11.30** Delia Smith's Christmas (8303445) **12.00** Practical Living (41037735) **12.15pm** Kilroy (6068880) **1.00** Crosswits (2265396) **1.30** Divorce Court (4300754) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (2868087) **3.00** Agony Hour (8307261) **4.00** Crosswits (5771919) **4.30** Infatuation (5760803) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (8331532) **6.00** Dr Ruth (5781396) **6.30** Masterchef (5772648) **7.00** Agony Hour (3224735) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2233483) **9.00** MOVIE: Toughlove (1985) Parents try to help their drug-abuser son (51865764) **10.45** OK 2 Talk Feelings (6119445) **11.00** Infatuation (8327025) **11.30** Dr Ruth (2783342) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (1760101)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Bay (4984) **5.30** The Wonder Years (6648) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (6261) **6.30** Catchphrase (4613) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7648) **7.30** All Clued Up (6025) **8.00** Remington Steele (79919) **9.00** Neon Rider (82483) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (31822) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (44342) **11.00** Newhart (52754) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (17803) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (45897)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (242025) **9.00** VJ Marijne (956716) **12.00** Greatest Hits (62280) **1.00** On Tour (101919) **3.30** Report (1613396) **3.45** At the Movies (1601551) **4.00** News (1136990) **4.15** 3 From 1 (1053613) **4.30** Grind (7754) **5.00** Hit List Uk (20716) **7.00** Seven Deadly Sins (62629) **8.00** Music Non-Stop (71377) **9.00** Greatest Hits (88613) **10.00** Report (787984) **10.15** At the Movies (868667) **10.30** News (636803) **10.45** 3 From 1 (631358) **11.00** Rock Block (64700) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (56014) **2.00-6.00** Videos (4078472)

TV ASIA

6.00am Asian Morning (77290) **6.30** Punjabi News (7997464) **6.45** Gujarati News (5774613) **7.00** Bengali News (46803) **7.30** Hindi News (65938) **8.00** Urdu News (24532) **8.30** English News (61483) **9.30** Hisaar (28025) **10.30** Lifestyle (97613) **11.30** Telly Talk (52700) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (34919) **12.30pm** Mustalain (72613) **1.00** FILM: Kagaz Ke Phool (882667) **4.00** Kiddie Time (48551) **5.00-6.00** Dedicated to You (3445) **7.00** Showtime (20629) **8.00** English News (250025) **8.15** Face to Face (134483) **9.00** Jaadu Tona (356667) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (6037120) **1.00** FILM: Mayor Sahib (9685897) **4.00** Ajanabee (28526) **5.00** Sauda (89217) **5.30-6.00** Music (40156)

TNT

7.00pm Bedevilled (1955): A young priest fends off a murderer (34870735)
8.40 The Travelling Executioner (1970). Executioner Stacy Keach finds work getting in the way of his love life when he falls for his intended victim (56593532)
10.25 Kiss Her Goodbye (1958): Romance and mystery set in Florida (40301613)
12.15am Savage Messiah (1972): Helen Mirren moulds a relationship with a young French sculptor (21254101)
2.10 Wicked, Wicked (1973): A murder mystery film featuring split-screen Duo-vision (24502897) Ends at **3.45**

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BUSINESS

City watchdog is sued over disclosures

BY LINDSAY COOK
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

An alleged breach of the Financial Services Act by the Securities and Investments Board could be punished with imprisonment or a fine, says its adversary in a pensions dispute

THE Securities and Investments Board is being sued by a company and its pension trustees for £7 million damages. Last May, Melton Medes, was the subject of a writ from the SIB, the senior City regulator, for more than £4 million.

Melton Medes, a Nottingham-based trading company, claims that it was damaged by wrongful disclosure of information received during an investigation. This, it says, breached section 179 of the Financial Services Act.

The dispute dates back to the spring of last year, when the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) undertook an investigation into the Melton Medes pension fund. The SIB's writ arose out of "contraventions" that it alleged had occurred. These have still to be resolved, as has a separate claim being pursued in the High Court by the Graphical Paper and Media Union and the pension fund's members.

In July, Mr Justice Vinelott appointed Neil Cooper and Ipe Jacob, of Robson Rhodes, as judicial trustees to replace the existing trustees and safeguard the £28 million in the pension fund.

Marcus Rutherford, of DJ Freeman, who is acting for Melton Medes, said that the SIB's intervention in the case had disrupted negotiations with the beneficiaries of the pension schemes. "We now have the risk of having to pay additional money into the pension fund." Since the fund had a surplus of £5 million, Melton Medes questioned the point of the beneficiaries proceeding with the claim.

Mr Rutherford said that, though it was a criminal offence to disclose information, Melton Medes was seeking damages rather than fines or prison sentences. The SIB said it had received the writ at the end of last week. In the past, it has been sued by firms that have had their authorisation to sell investments withdrawn. None of those cases reached the courts.

Melton Medes bought the whole of the share capital of Robert Fletcher (Stoneclough) and Robert Fletcher (Greenfield), two Lancashire paper mills, in 1986. In the same year, it obtained a loan from the two Robert Fletcher pension schemes at an interest rate of 2 per cent. The following year, the rate was increased to the National Westminster Bank's prevailing base rate. The pension fund was not, however, compensated for loss of interest.

The SIB accused Nathu Ram Puri, chairman of Melton Medes, and James Philpotts, chief executive, of "continued or repeated contravention" of Imro rules and called for the removal of Melton Medes Pension Trustees as custodian of the funds.

At issue is an investment by one or both of the Robert Fletcher pension schemes in up to one million shares in Marling Industries in 1990. The SIB asked for a total of 1.72 million Marling shares and 6,704,777 shares in Delaney Group be restored to the pension funds. Mr Puri is a former chairman of Delaney, a Birmingham shopfitting firm. The trustees were also accused of entering into a sub-underwriting agreement in respect of Delaney shares.

Mr Puri said: "I fully appreciate that in the wake of the [Robert] Maxwell scandal, the management of company pension schemes should come under the closest possible scrutiny. In our case, however, what has been done has gone beyond anything necessary to safeguard our employees' pension rights." The funds were in surplus and all obligations could be met in full.

MARK MAXWELL



Clive Harper, of Bolsius, whose sales have grown 25% a year in the United Kingdom

British Coal expected to shut more pits

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Coal is today expected to launch reviews into the future of two more collieries, bringing to seven the pits earmarked for closure since the beginning of this month.

A reconvened review will almost certainly lead to closure of the Littleton colliery, in Staffordshire, employing 560 men, while the announcement of a general review of British Coal's North East region is widely expected to signal the closure of Wearmouth colliery, where 650 miners work.

With Rufford colliery, in Nottinghamshire, set to cease production on Friday, total coalfield job losses in the next two months now appear sure to exceed 4,000.

Seven of the 12 pits reprieved for "market testing" will have been lost, along with one of British Coal's core pits. Industry sources expect a similar swathe of closures in the new year because British Coal sales to the two biggest electricity generating companies, National Power and PowerGen, are set to fall from 40 million tonnes a year to 30 million tonnes next April.

By the end of the year, the number of deep mines shut will be near the 31 pits earmarked for closure in October 1992, when government plans for contraction of mining provoked public outcry.

Some 21,000 mineworkers and 2,500 staff have already left the industry. The latest closures will take jobs shed to 27,500, against a forecast of 30,000 in October last year.

Job losses among white-collar and surface industrial staff have failed to keep pace with the run-down of deep mining and these are expected to accelerate rapidly over coming months. Although more than half of underground workers have gone in the past 13 months, leaving 19,000, there are still 7,000 white-collar staff and 3,000 industrial workers employed in repair facilities, surface coal handling and similar occupations.

The accelerating closure programme is being achieved with minimal fuss by making additional redundancy payments. The average payout under the enhanced redundancy scheme is now £27,000, but, in several recent closures, this has been swelled by an additional £7,000 per worker.

For many miners, there is little alternative to compulsory redundancy. Announcing the proposed closure of the Silverdale colliery, in Staffordshire, on Friday, British Coal said that "there may only be limited opportunities" for men wishing to go to other pits.

Most pits in the latest round of closures have been described by British Coal as loss-making. In reality, there is no demand for their coal. Each will be offered to private mining groups, but few can expect to be saved.

Office rents rise by 1.9% in West End

BY CARL MORTISHED

OFFICE rents are rising for the first time in years in London's West End and in the southeast of England. The Hillier Parker rent index for November shows a 1.9 per cent rise in rents in the West End and a 0.8 per cent rise in the South East over the past three months.

For the first time in three years, Hillier Parker's index for all property has not shown a decline on the quarter, and the surveying firm is signalling that rents across the country are stabilising after a long decline. The prospect of rising rents will be welcome to property companies, which have raised billions since the start of the year in anticipation of a return to growth.

Retail rents rose modestly in Central London, the West Midlands and in the North, but declined elsewhere in the country. Offices declined by 0.1 per cent overall and the strong performance of areas in the West End and the South East are seen as exceptional. "The rises are best seen as a sign of stabilisation, rather than an upturn in the office market," the surveyor said.

Holding a candle to recession

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

CANDLES may be a winter reminder of old traditions, but they are not yesterday's manufacturing industry, says Clive Harper, of Bolsius (UK), part of the Dutch firm that claims to be Europe's largest candlemaker. He has just taken possession of a new £1 million candle factory and warehouse on a greenfield site at Weston-super-Mare that will be able to make enough candles in Britain to support the £4 million turnover Bolsius has built up here over the past nine years.

Mr Harper is installing automated candlemaking machinery that will eliminate the need for the skilled labour-intensive moulding required by older equipment and which will make the plant one of the most modern in Europe.

"There was not a big stock of skilled candlemakers, so we took the labour out," says Mr Harper, who feared that decorative candles might otherwise revert to being a cottage industry.

The Bolsius group, which makes 1.3 million nightlights a day in The Netherlands and turns over £55 million a year, has been raising sales in Britain at 25 per cent a year, mainly with traditional thin candles sold to people who want to create a more romantic atmosphere in their homes than the average lightbulb will ever provide.

Floating candles, with their twinkling reflections, have become a big growth area. Although Bolsius will still import some speciality candles, it aims to export volume lines from Weston-super-Mare to the Continent.

SE denies rift over paperless settlement

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE Stock Exchange has denied reports of a rift with the Bank of England over the proposed Crest paperless share settlement system, details of which are due to be published this week.

Broking houses, including S G Warburg Securities and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, together with the Stock Exchange, are said to favour an alternative to Crest, which is intended to replace the ill-fated Taurus project. Draft proposals for Crest, due to be unveiled at a meeting at the Barbican in London on Wednesday, have met with opposition from some quarters.

The Stock Exchange yesterday moved to play down talk of a split with the Bank of England, appointed to guide Crest through its early stages. The legacy of Taurus remains an embarrassment to the exchange. Peter Rawlins resigned as chief executive in the wake of the Taurus debacle in March, by which time it had run up development costs of £80 million.

A committee under Pen Kent, a Bank of England director, will present the guiding Crest principles in a booklet to be published on Wednesday. Agreement has been reached in principle to phase in rolling settlement and a paperless system by 1996.

Direct Line founder to reveal £18m earnings

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT



Peter Wood lives modestly despite his high income

PETER Wood, founder and chief executive of Direct Line, the telephone-based insurance arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland, is expected to reveal on Thursday that his earnings last year topped £18 million. This will confirm him as the UK's highest paid businessman. It will also more than triple the £6 million he earned last year.

Mr Wood's pay package is linked to the growth of Direct Line. Its profits are expected to triple to £45 million from £15 million in 1992. Direct Line was started as a joint venture in 1985 between Mr Wood and the Royal Bank of Scotland to offer low cost motor insurance directly to the public, cutting out brokers, whose commission typically adds about 30 per cent to the cost.

It is now set to overtake Norwich Union as the country's biggest motor insurer, with 1.3 million policyholders, helped by a high profile advertising campaign featuring a red telephone on wheels. Premiums are forecast to rise to £420 million this year, with analysts predicting a further rise to £675 million for 1994. Direct Line expanded into household insurance, and two months ago found more publicity when it hit out at building societies for charging high commissions on household insurance.

Mr Wood sold his 25 per cent stake to the Royal Bank in 1988 and in return negotiated a deal whereby he would be paid a bonus based on the rate of the company's expansion. Last year, however, he and George Mathewson, the Royal Bank's chief executive, made it clear that Mr Wood did not want to continue with this package because of the (often adverse) media comment it generated. Mr Wood, who describes himself as "tediously boring", dislikes publicity, preferring to live modestly in south London with his wife and five daughters. He said: "I could lavish money on them but I want to let them have the enjoyment of being successful in their own right. We have nice holidays, but nobody who knows them and me would think that I was the highest paid man in the country."

The Royal Bank yesterday dismissed speculation that Mr Wood would receive a £50 million one-off payment, swapping his bonus for shares, to buy him out of his contract. The bank refused to comment on its expected profits or Mr Wood's salary. It said: "These stories are pure speculation and we cannot comment before Thursday."

For the first time, Direct Line's end-of-year results will be announced separately from those of its parent company. This does not, however, mean the Royal Bank is intending to float off Direct Line, said the bank. Direct Line is worth about £1 billion, against the bank's total market value of £3 billion. The Royal Bank is expected to announce profits up from £21 million to £215 million on Thursday week.

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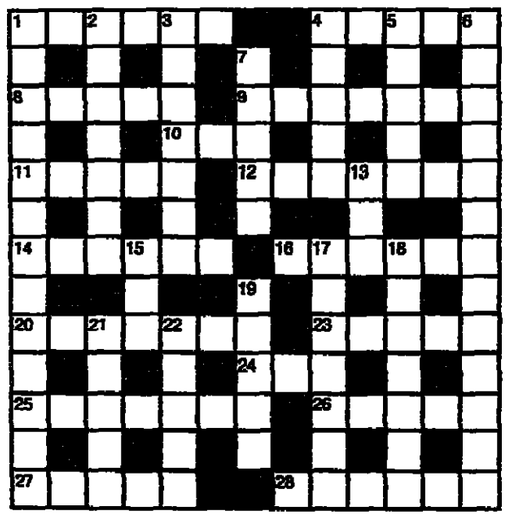
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No 19

ACROSS

1 Rule with authority (6)
4 Tropical lizard (5)
8 Tea-growing Indian state (5)
9 Member of Christian denomination (7)
10 Lyric poem (3)
11 Jewish king sculpted by Michelangelo (5)
12 Put on the ground (3,4)
14 In conclusion (6)
16 Toboggan (6)
20 Very small discrete amount of energy (7)
23 American sect rejecting modern world (5)
24 Smallest unit of computer information (3)
25 Atone for (7)
26 Greeting (5)
27 Stealing (5)
28 Free of charge (6)

DOWN

1 Using pompous language (13)
2 Facing, relating to (3-1-3)
3 Fashion anew (7)
4 Viviparous freshwater fish (5)
5 Egyptian city (5)
6 Racked with apprehension (2,11)
7 White poplar (5)
13 Expected (3)
15 Vat (3)
17 Tanned hide (7)
18 Very small quantity of trickling liquid (7)
19 Yellowish fossilised resin (5)
21 New York's Big fruit (5)
22 Short religious treatise (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 18

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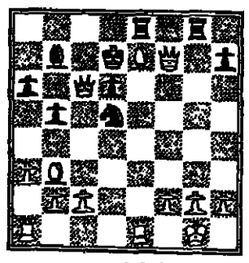
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from Short - Kasparov, Times World Championship, game 16. The black king seems to be in trouble, but his next move showed that the reverse is, in fact, the case. What was it?

The book of The Times World Chess Championship (Kasparov v Short 1993, Batsford) is available from The Times, Raymond Keene Offer, PO Box 11, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9XA. Price 7.99.



Solution, page 37

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

DASYPHYLLOUS
a. Loving carpets
b. Sarcastic
c. Having thick leaves

ELDRITCH
a. Anti-clockwise
b. A Hungarian guerrilla
c. Weird or hideous

FLABELLATION
a. Fanning
b. Euphemism
c. Farming beans

GALLIVANT
a. A fanciable young man
b. To gad about
c. Narrow passage in Glasgow

Answers on page 37

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